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HOUSES OF  
THE ENGLISH RANGE  
AND  
BEAVER LAKE  
DERRY, N. H.

An Informal Story

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DEDICATED  
TO  
MY CHILDREN

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## CHAPTER I

### THE ENGLISH RANGE IN NUTFIELD

BY REV. J. G. MACMURPHY  
(*Willey's Book of Nutfield—1895*)

“Within twelve months after the arrival of the first sixteen families the population of Nutfield, afterward the incorporated township of Londonderry, numbered several hundred and simultaneously the allotments of homesteads were made to the proprietors under the charter to the number of one hundred and twenty-four and a half shares, exclusive of large awards in land given to some particularly influential persons who had assisted the emigrants in securing a grant of land.

“The largest awards for special services were made to the officers of the crown who acted as mediators between the colonists and the king. These loyalists were the Lieutenant Governor of His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire in New England and that body of followers commonly designated as the governor's suite, with colonels and men of military insignia in the service of the king.

“Without controversy, the section of the township which was called the English Range included the most pronounced Tory faction. This range embraced a beautiful tract of land with fine glimpses of Beaver Pond, many of the farms running down to the pond shore. The layout was the same as in other parts of the settlement, lots were thirty rods wide and three hundred and twenty rods deep. (One mile.)

“The actual Range included about twenty lots and the first one was at the most easterly corner of Beaver Pond and the series extended in the form of a rectangle to a point near Shields' Upper Pond.

“In the Charter of Londonderry, among many stipulations was one which demanded from every shareholder the annual quit-rent of a peck of potatoes. It also reserved to the Crown all mast-trees growing in Londonderry and a surveyor of the woods was appointed. In 1708 a law was passed prohibiting the cutting of white pines twenty-four or more inches in diameter at twelve



inches from the ground, without leave of the surveyor, who was instructed to 'mark with a broad arrow those which be fit for the use of the navy.' ”



*The King's Arrow*

It must have been a problem to move these huge trees to the seacoast. The occasional "Mast Road" one finds in our state received its name from its one-time use as a reasonably straight way for such transportation.

#### THE CARGILL GRANT

The Cargill grant, the most southerly of the series of lots making up the English Range, contained seventy-nine acres instead of the usual sixty. This was due to the custom of giving additional land to those who rendered special service to the young settlement and David Cargill was to build and operate a corn mill and a saw mill.

His land went up the hill from the brook called Beaver towards Five-Corners far enough to include two present houses, one owned by Mrs. Kenneth Parker and the one beyond it, owned by Bernard B. Twombly.



*Twombly*

Both these parcels of land were once owned by Stephen Reynolds and after that by Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Parker.



Rev. John W. Mahoney built the one which he sold in 1945 to Mr. Twombly and the Parkers built theirs on land they bought of Mr. Parker's parents.



*Mrs. K. Parker*



A curious growth of two entwined trees in Mrs. Parker's back yard is shown, a pine and an oak.



A short distance up the hill there is one more small cottage, owned by A. J. Dimitro. This is back quite a distance from the road and is on land once part of the John McMurphy grant.



*Dimitro*



*Matteuzi*

The original home of David Cargill was near the present Matteuzi residence east of the brook. Cargill and McMurphy owners gave way to others over almost two centuries and in 1905 the property was bought by Elizabeth Goldsmith. During the Goldsmith ownership the very old house was replaced by the present one which was purchased by Henry A. Matteuzi in 1922.



## *The Cargill Mill*

David Cargill's grant from the town in 1720 gave him the water rights from Beaver Pond to what is now known as Adams Pond, a mile up Beaver Brook, one of the major tributaries of the pond, with the understanding that he should build a corn mill and a saw mill for the benefit of the settlers.

In 1732 these mills and real estate were sold to John McMurphy and he disposed of them in his will in 1755. Five generations of that family operated the corn mill, the last one being Hugh who received it from his father Robert's estate in 1818 and sold it to Daniel Kimball and John Stinson in 1828. Four years later it had become the property of Nathan Choate who promptly sold an undivided half to Samuel Marshall. Samuel sold his half of the mill to James McMurphy 2d, bought it back from James' widow and sold it to Francis Manter in 1859.

In the meantime, Francis Manter had become the owner of Nathan Choate's half in 1843.

In 1928 the Manter heirs sold the mill site, the mill itself being long gone, and the town of Derry later got possession through a tax title.



In 1936 Molly Reid Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, with the aid of an adjacent resident, George C. Clark, located one of the original mill stones, had it placed on a firm base and marked it with a bronze tablet, suitably inscribed. This tablet was later stolen by vandals, replaced by chapter members, again stolen, and this year a wooden sign has been erected near the road with the hope that it will not tempt miscreants.

## QUIET MILLPONDS

*From Haydn Pearson's "Country Correspondence" in the Boston Herald*

*Used by permission of Mr. Pearson*

"No one knows how many thousands of millponds were built across the nation in olden days. As soon as pioneer families with dreams in their hearts came into a region, ponds were made to provide power for mill wheels.

"At a strategic spot, a pond was built to hold water for powering over-shot or undershot wheels that in turn revolved the shafts. Stones were grooved for grinding grain, copying designs brought from the Old World. So far as research reveals, the first saw mill was built in Berwick, Maine, in 1634.

"Power from stored water ground grain that pioneers brought by horse-back or on ox sled. Mills sawed virgin trees into lumber that built homes and barns as families settled in valleys and on hillsides.

"Now the old millponds are quiet. Stones and logs that made the dam have fallen or rotted away, large trees crowd close to the former water line. Some old ponds are thick with willows and alders and dotted with muskrat houses. Quiet millponds are a reminder of a flavorful era of history."



## CHAPTER 11

### NORTH SHORE ROAD (Land Side)



*Davis—Clark*

This large farm once belonged to Samuel Houston, one of the original grantees of the town, and was adjacent to Beaver Brook. After the Houstons sold in 1775, there were four owners before 1838 when it was bought by Samuel Clark, 3d who had been born in a house at the other end of the English Range.

In 1870 Mr. Clark sold half the farm (and later bequeathed the other half) to his son, Robert H., and it has remained in the same family ever since, being now owned and occupied by Mrs. Josephine Clark Davis.

The little brook, the outlet of the Cargill millpond—only a trickle except in freshet time—runs through the Clark field to the pond. The trestle is one formerly used by the Chester and Derry carline.





*Brook in Clark Field*



*Beaver Lake House*

Lieutenant-Governor John Wentworth labored to encourage and assist the infant colony of Nutfield and he received an expression of their gratitude and esteem which was entered in the town records.

This grant with its sightly view of the lake was one of several allotted to him and after his death it was sold to Samuel Boyd in 1736.

After forty-two years of Boyd title there were many owners, among them three generations of Nathaniel Browns, Isaac Bradford and others until the land was purchased in 1892 by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bachelder who at once built the large summer resort then called the Bachelder Hotel.

This catered to summer boarders and was especially well patronized during the years while the Chester and Derry Electric Railroad was in operation. As the car track was close to the east driveway of the hotel, it was most convenient for the guests whose baggage would follow along on the open freight car.



In 1915 the building was bought by James Davis who made many improvements. After forty-two years of management by Mr. Davis, and later by his daughter and her husband Mr. and Mrs. John I. Schurman, the Beaver Lake House, as it had been called since the ownership of Mr. Davis, was sold in 1957 to Anthony Rauseo of Medford, Mass., who is continuing the business built up over the years.



*James F. Reynolds*

Mr. Reynolds, a former mayor of Everett, Mass., chose Derry for a summer residence and bought a lot from Harold P. Davis in 1953, on which he has built an attractive home.



*Audette*

In 1954 Charles A. Audette also bought land of Mr. Davis and built a large year-round home for his family.





*Bagley*

The grant adjacent to that of Gov. Wentworth was laid out to Col. John Wheelwright and included this house as well as those just mentioned as owned by James Reynolds and Charles Audette.

Robert and William McNeil, Nathan Choate and Joseph Y. James were some of the early owners, and in 1884 it became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Bagley.



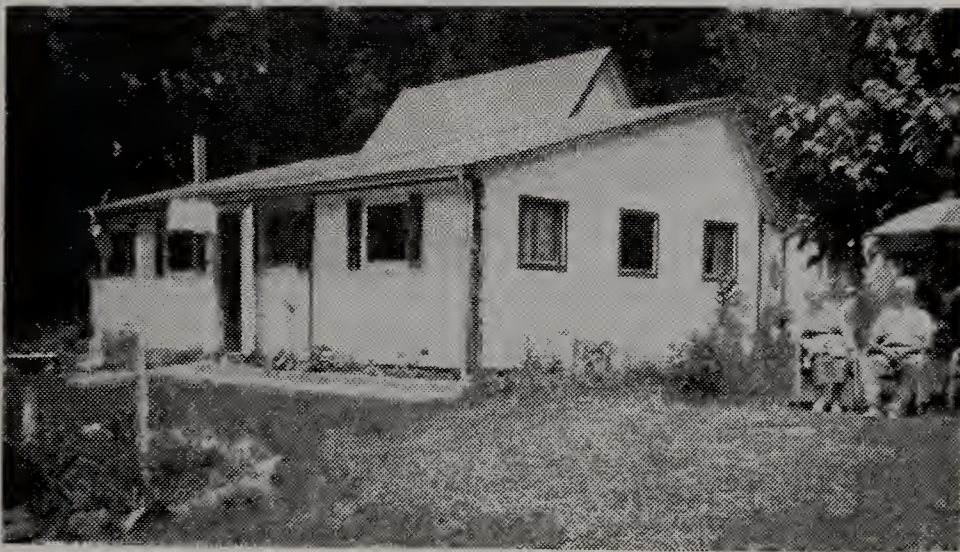
*Cartier—H. Davis—Backman*

Mr. Bagley enlarged the house by adding a second story and in 1919 it was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Jed Backman. Harold P. Davis held title to it for eight years and since 1956 Richard E. Cartier has been the owner.





*North Shore Road near the Cartier home*



*M. Carey*

When Henry W. Bagley sold his eighty-seven acre farm to Charles R. Higbee in 1909 he reserved a small portion near the western boundary and the next year sold it to his daughter Beatrice who was later to become Mrs. Herbert L. Richardson. The Richardsons sold it in 1931 with the small cottage thereon which Mr. Bagley had built, and in 1948 after ownership by members of the Foley family it was purchased by Matthew J. Carey.





*Lakeside  
Leahy*

*Lakeside  
Robertson*

This cottage and the store beside it were built by Mr. Bagley and the store was operated by him for some time. It is now owned by William C. Robertson of Derry but is used for storage.

The cottage is owned by Edward Leahy.

These two buildings and the Michael Carey cottage are on the Edward Proctor grant, as is a small camp up on the hill, owned now by Victor Damboise since 1958 and formerly by James Carey. The large field and orchard are the property of Benjamin C. Adams. At the time Mr. Carey purchased the camp it was owned by E. L. Davis as was the orchard.



*Damboise—J. Carey*



## HOWARD ROAD

This small side road leading north from North Shore Road is at one side of the Benjamin Kidder grant and Worthley Road is at the other side. The sixteen acres at the lower end of the grant had many owners. Once it was Samuel Marshall's. Once Stephen Reynolds owned it and he sold a small piece to Thomas Reynolds who probably built the house now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Kimball.

In 1890 Edgar A. Osborn bought the sixteen acres and later owners were Fred G. Benson and George W. Benson.



*Mundy—Howard*

The first house on the right was built by Thomas E. Howard and it is now owned by Miss Anna M. Mundy.

The spacious barn adjacent has been converted to a residence.







*Oldtime view from hill on Howard Road*

## STONEWALLS

*By Julie Mathilde Lippmann*

Along the country roadside, stone on stone,  
Past waving grain-field and near broken stile,  
The walls stretch onward, an uneven pile,  
With rankling vines and lichen overgrown;  
So stand they sentinel, unchanged, alone,  
They're left to watch the season's passing slow;  
The summer's sunlight or the winter's snow,  
The springtime's birdling or the autumn's moon.

Who placed the stones, now gray with many years?  
And did the rough hands tire, the sore hearts ache,  
The eyes grow dim with all their weight of tears?  
Or did the work seem light for some dear sake?  
Those lives are over, all their hopes and fears  
Are lost like shadows in the morning-break.





*MacGregor*

On the same side farther up the steep hill is the home of David MacGregor since 1947. This was built by George G. Davis about 1914 and used as a summer place only, but the MacGregors have made an all-year home of it.



*Marcouillier—C. H. Clement*

On the other side of the street, on a very steep rise, is a cottage built about 1916 by Charles H. Clement and named "Beacon."

This has had several owners since 1947: Harold F. Beadle, George R. Henderson and since 1957 Raymond O. Marcouillier.





*Marcouillier*



*Caldwell*

Coming down the hill, on the right is the home of John Caldwell, one of the houses built by George Benson.





*Jenkins*

Next is a cottage quite a distance back from the road, sold by Wallace Kimball to Franklin Jenkins.



*W. L. Kimball—Rice—Evans*

The last house is owned by the Kimballs and was moved from a former location in Derry Village where for many years it was the home of Mrs. Caroline G. Evans. Before that it was a law office on North Main Street in the Village. More recently it had been the home of the Rice family.





*Kimball*

Back on North Shore Road again one sees this house which is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kimball and rented. This was made over from a barn on the premises.



*Kimball—Osborn*

This house was probably built by Thomas Reynolds in 1817 and was obtained by Edgar A. Osborn in 1890 after eight intermediate owners. In 1906 it became the property of George W. Benson.





*Kimball—Benson—Osborn*

Many changes had been made in the old house before it was purchased from Mr. Benson's estate in 1947 by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Kimball.



*Phillips*

This house, situated on the rear of the property when the Kimballs purchased and accessible only through their dooryard, has been bought by Chester Phillips.



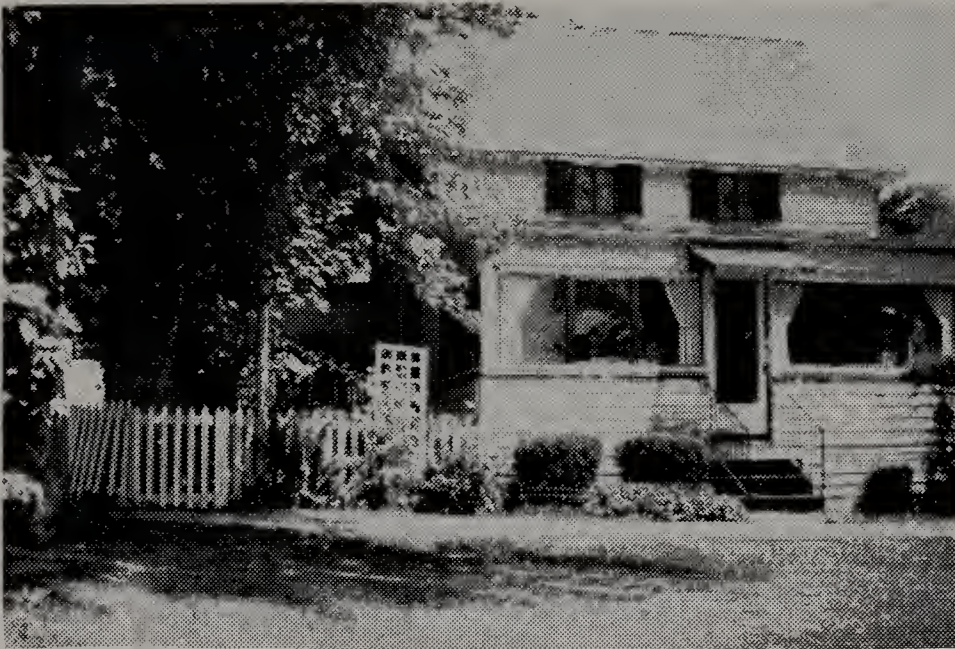
*Morin*

In 1912 this lot was sold by Mr. Benson to Theresa Rose Kerr who built the house, later owned by William N. Allen, Jennie Reagan, William M. Cole and Wilfred Cote, and bought by the present occupant, Claude V. Morin in 1954.



## WORTHLEY ROAD

At this point another small road enters, with eight houses on it. This is known as Worthley Road, several of the lots having been owned at one time by Mr. and Mrs. Spurzhie E. Worthley.



*Duffill*

Mr. Benson first sold this lot in 1911 and it was bought in 1925 by Talbert A. Buttrick of Londonderry who sold the house to the present owner, A. T. Duffill.



*Barletta*

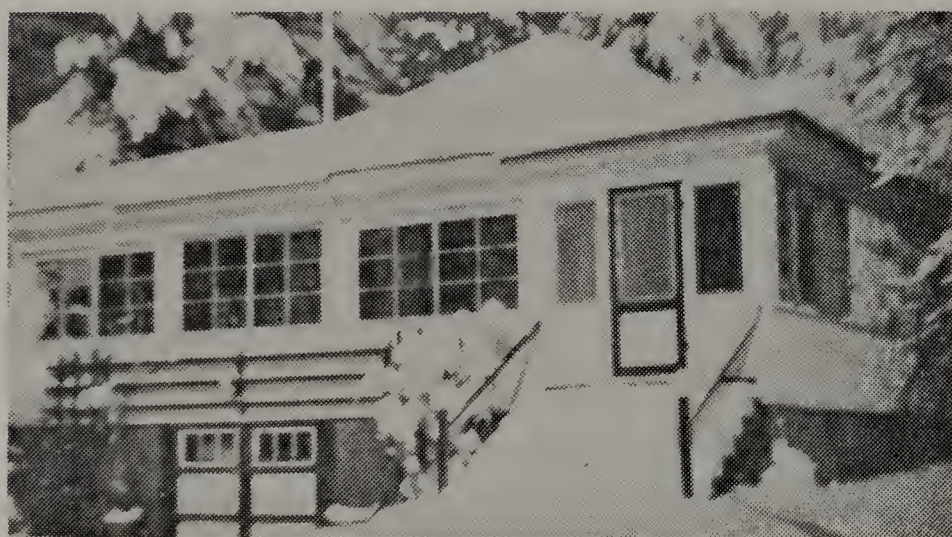
The next house is one formerly owned by Patrick O'Connell, now by Walter Barletta of Somerville, Mass.





*Mavridis*

The adjoining lot and cottage belong to Emmanuel Mavridis, also from Somerville.



*Birch*

Above the Mavridis cottage is a steep driveway leading to the summer home of Mrs. Joseph Birch. This land was bought in 1918 from Mr. Benson. The house is on such a high elevation that the view of the lake is unobstructed by the cottages below.

Just beyond the Birch driveway is an old road that leads across to the former James Carey cottage now owned by Victor Damboise, which can also be reached by way of an open field on North Shore Road near the Cartier house. On the north side of Worthley Road are five cottages. All of this area was in the sixteen acres bought by George Benson and later sold in part to William Cole.





*Pine Lodge*  
*May*

Pine Lodge, owned by Mrs. Gertrude May of Maynard, Mass.



*Twin Oaks*  
*Stenmark*

Twin Oaks, owned by August T. Stenmark of South Boston, Mass.  
Both these lots were sold in 1918 to Henry A. Spaulding.

The next lots down the road were sold by Mr. Worthley in 1912 and Alfred G. Preble, Jennie Reagan and William Cole were later owners. In 1945 Lt. Col. Beverly V. Pearson became owner of the three houses.





*Pearson*

The one on the upper lot is rented in the summer, the middle one is rented all the year to John Bartlett, while the third one opposite the Duffill cottage is used during the summer by the Pearson family.



*Pearson  
(Bartlett)*



*Lt. Col. Pearson*





*Noddin*

At the foot of Worthley Road facing North Shore Road is the home of the Charles Noddin family, built by George Benson, sold to William Cole and by him to Mr. Noddin in 1945. It was at one time named the “Marguerite.”



*Webber*

Close by is a good-sized cottage, once known as the “Rita,” which has belonged for several years to Mrs. Mae Webber.





*Oikle—Martin—Benson*

A wall close to the Webber cottage is the dividing line between the Benjamin Kidder grant and that of John Gray. The only house on this lot, on the north side of the road, is the one owned by Mrs. Hector Oikle. It was built by George W. Benson about 1896 and sold by him in 1910. As early as 1858 the land was owned by Samuel Marshall who lived in the next house.

Mrs. Fanny Martin owned the place from 1911 to 1943 and Hector M. Oikle purchased it in 1952.

The above picture shows members of the Benson family during their occupancy.

The grant of land at the corner of North Shore Road and Chester Road belonged at first to Joseph Kidder but was soon sold to John Goffe who in turn sold it to William Eayers in 1727.

In 1803 William Eayers' widow and son sold the Kidder land and the piece now called Trail's End and there were several owners before Samuel Marshall's purchase in 1830. The present house which has been lengthened at least once remains in the same family, for Marshall gave it to his daughter, Mrs. James Morrill and it is still owned by her daughter, Mrs. Louise Morrill Goldthwaite of Boston, who leases it to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron.

The Marshall house was built to face Chester Road, but re-routing of that highway has left it on a grassy by-pass and it seems more convenient to include it with the story of North Shore Road houses.





*Goldthwaite—Morrill—Marshall  
(Cameron)*

### *TRAIL'S END*

In 1861 Samuel Marshall sold about seven acres of land to Isaac Bradford. This was the western end of the John Gray grant and had been received by Marshall with the purchase of his home lot. The section on the opposite side of North Shore Road is now known as Trail's End and was the major part of the purchase by Bradford. Thirty years later this land was sold to Dr. James O. Harriman and in 1910 the part with the Bradford house was sold to Lillian McNeil and was later burned. The picture shows the rear of the house.



*McNeil—Bradford*



In 1917 the balance of the Harriman land went to Mrs. Fannie M. Benson and she sold a few house lots on the shore, the remainder being bought by William Cole in 1940.

Other lots in the development have been sold and there are now over a dozen houses in this quiet retreat.



*Dollinger*

That same year Arthur J. Flint, Jr., bought a large lot of Mr. Cole and built a house. Owners since have been W. O. Patten & Thomas Howard, George R. Porter and since 1952 Kenneth Dollinger.



*Tate*

Entering McKinley Avenue from North Shore Road, the two houses on the right are the property of Rupert Tate of Hudson, N. H., who occupies one and rents the other.





*Tate*

Turning left on Cole Avenue, the following cottages are along the shore line.



*William R. Norris*  
*(Mrs. Harry W. Putnam)*





*John MacLeod*

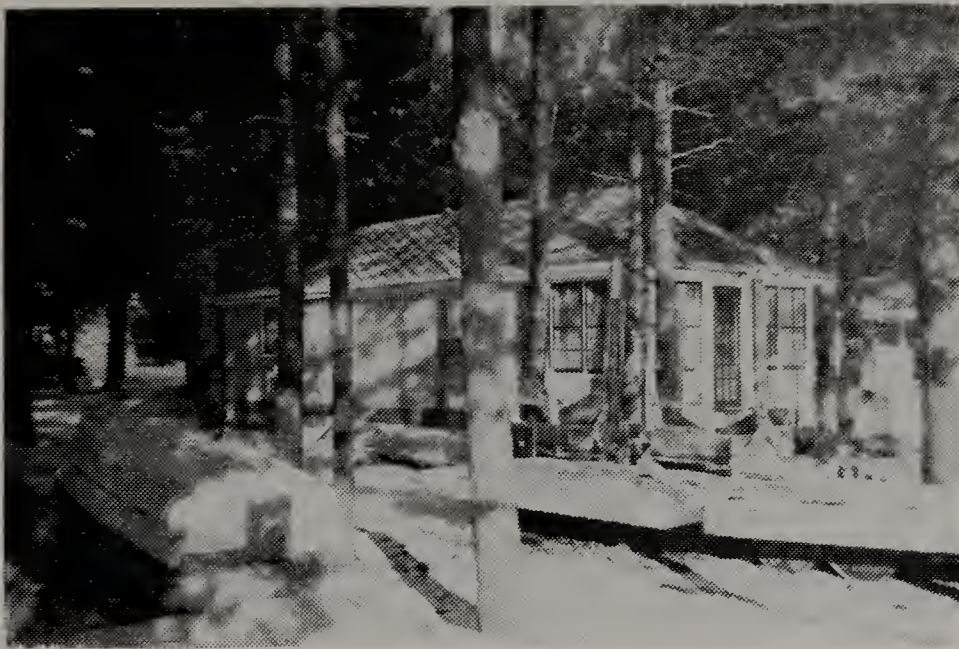


*F. A. Patterson, Sr.*



*Scribner*



*Scribner*

Two cottages are owned by Mrs. Laurel Scribner. The first one was built by Kenneth Senter and Howard Campbell, the second by Charles Sawyer.

*Richardson*

On a steep knoll overlooking the water is the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Richardson. This cottage was built by William A. Noyes.





*Richardson*

Adjacent is a group of camps owned by Mrs. Richardson, also a larger house, all of which she rents during the summer.



*Richardson*





*Pauline's Cottage*  
*Scribner*



*Scribner*

Close to the Richardson group is one owned by Russell Scribner, Sr., and the last one in Trail's End is the property of Russell Scribner, Jr.



## NORTH SHORE ROAD (Water Side)

Leaving Trail's End and following along the shore side of North Shore Road one finds cottages packed in closely, many of them with small bits of sandy beach, while there are several places of access for those not fortunate enough to own any shore line.

Perhaps the oldest cottage in this vicinity is the one built by Edgar A. Osborn about 1890. It has had many owners but was bought in 1950 by Andrew A. Anderson of Everett, Mass., who has enlarged and improved it and makes it his year-round home. Views from both lake and road are shown.



*Anderson—Osborn*



*Anderson*



During Mr. Osborn's ownership of this cottage he was living in the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kimball. On the open space across the street he had a picnic ground with a small platform, a snack bar as it would be called today, and a boat landing.

The compiler of this narrative remembers walking there from the Village at the age of eleven to a Fourth of July celebration at which the chief attraction, in her point of view, was a greased pig race.

This general area was called "The Park" in earlier deeds.



*Moore—Slate—Gregoire*

Frank Bartlett bought this land in 1910 and built the cottage which has had as owners since, Harry W. Wilson, Herman E. Cassino, Henry Gregoire, Ira Slate and since 1950 Ebben Moore.



*Thomas J. Curley*





*Frank W. Curley*

Camp Bell Rock is owned by Frank W. Curley of Malden, Mass.



*Hill*

Formerly owned by Wallace Clark, this is now the property of Albert W. Hill of Shrewsbury.





*Henderson*

This house is owned by George Henderson. This and the adjacent one, owned by the Hills, formerly belonged to James Webster.



*W. Kimball*

This was built a few years ago by Wallace Kimball for rental.





*Agawam*

*Regan*

*Hoy*

“Agawam” is owned by John J. Regan and the next one, recently occupied by Martin Collins, is now owned by Harold Hoy of Lynn.

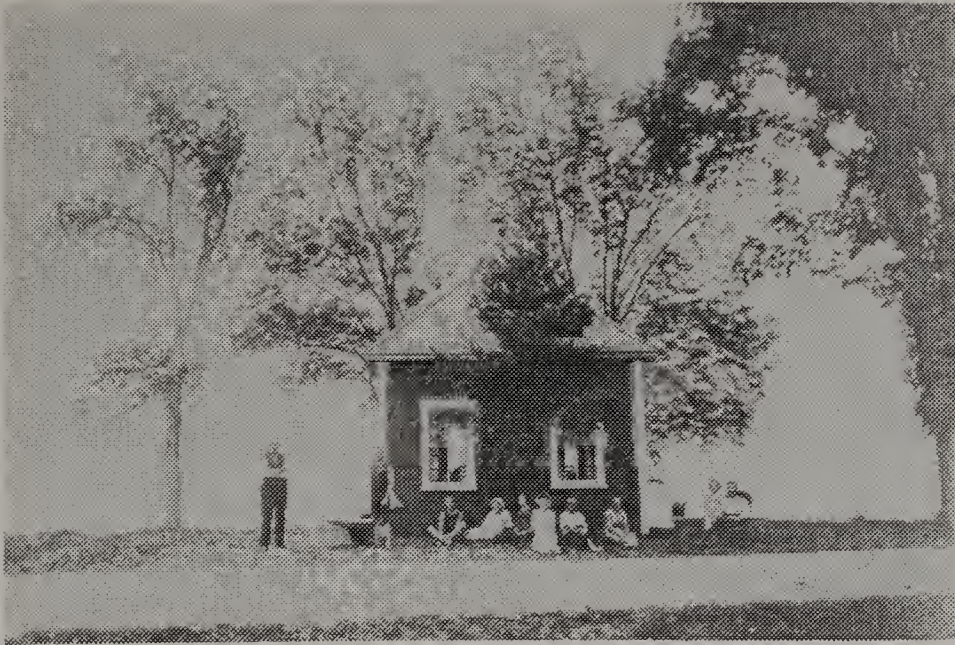


*Maple Lodge*

*H. T. Kimball*

*Bragdon*





*Bagley*

Bagley's Camp Comfort was one that was destined to have many forms. At first a small box-like building built by Henry W. Bagley, one of the early ones on this shore, it was soon enlarged by adding a breezeway with a room over it.



*Bragdon*

Later another cottage was attached to the east end. These two parts, while connected by the breezeway, are owned separately. The older section, now Camp Paradise, belongs to Mrs. Cora Bragdon and the east end is owned by B. F. Adams. This latter part is shown from the lake.





*B. F. Adams*



*Lakeview  
Traill*

This camp was built by Henry W. Bagley and was later owned by W. A. Beard. It now belongs to Frank L. Traill of Melrose.



Many years ago, possibly about the time that the Chester & Derry Electric Railroad was opened, a couple of prominent Derry men decided that the time had come to give Beaver Lake a more picturesque name, in view of the fact that the opening of the new means of transportation meant more business and more summer boarders.

After some research into Indian names they chose "Tsienneto" as one with appropriate meaning and it has been in use ever since although the name "Beaver Lake" continues to hold first place in the minds and on the tongues of the majority of townsfolk and visitors.

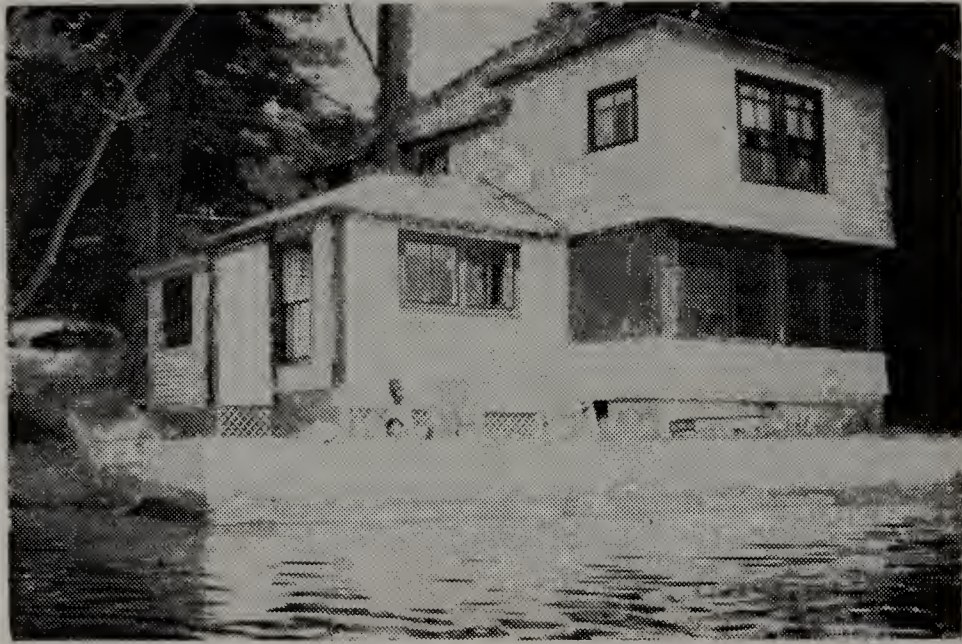
### LAKE TSIENNETO

In the rosy light of dawn lies Lake Tsienneto,  
A jewel gleaming in the setting of the hills,  
And over its bright surface flit  
The winged messengers of spring, the birds.  
When the sun's rays fall at noonday,  
The water mirrors Heaven's own blue,  
While the merriment of happy children, playing,  
Fills all the air with sweetest song.  
At nightfall golden lights are shining on the water  
And nature listens to the soft good nights  
Of the thrushes, ever calling,  
From the woodlands which encircle Lake Tsienneto.

*Sylvia Clark, 1944*



Opposite the Beaver Lake House, once the Wentworth grant, is a close group of six cottages.



*Boucher*

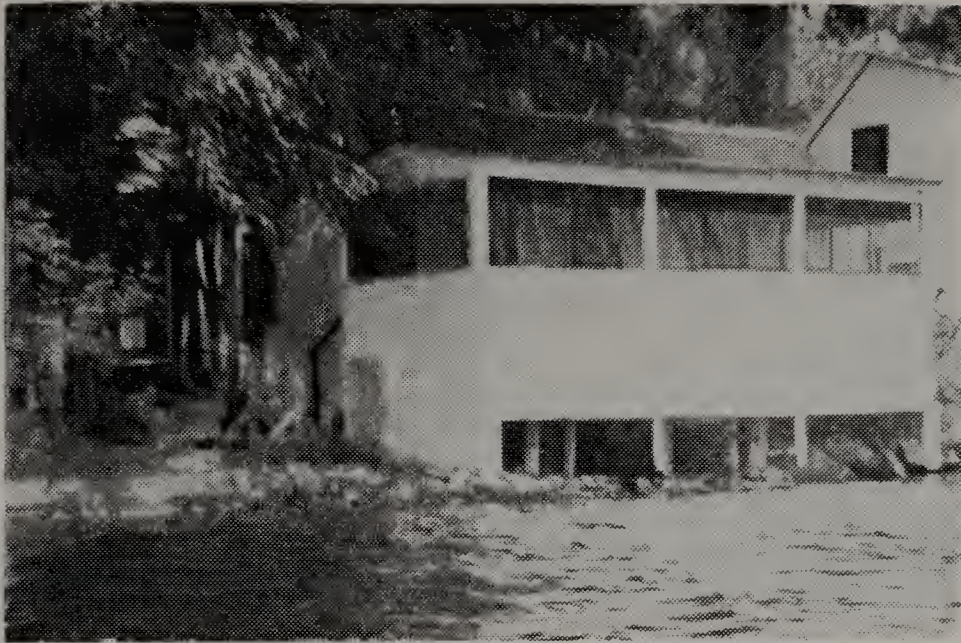
The first one belongs to Arthur Boucher of Derry. It was once known as the Hanks cottage and was also owned by Ralph Carpenter and John Montague.



*Harrington*

The second one is that of William T. Harrington, Jr., of Everett, formerly known as the Henry Belcher place.





*Williams*

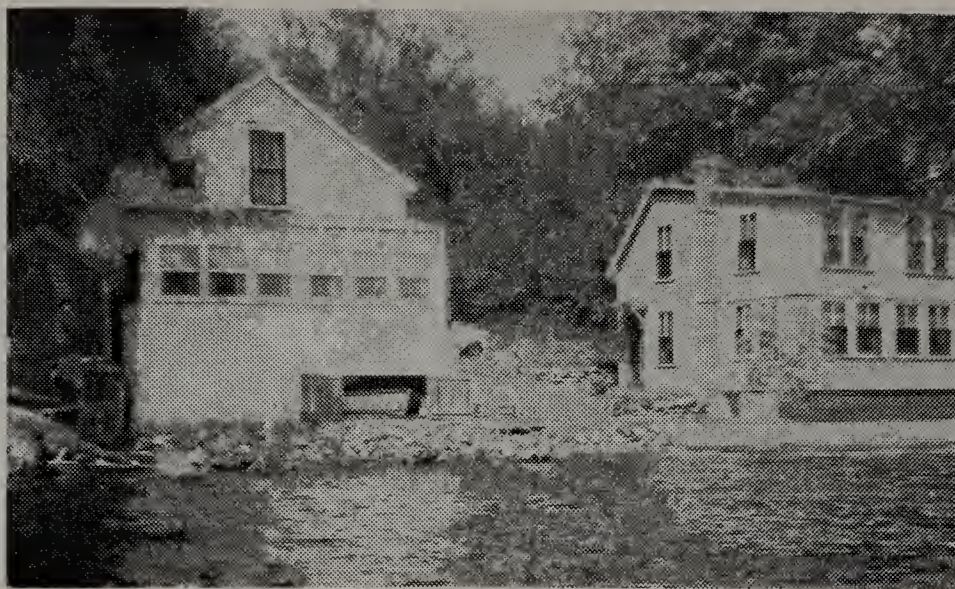
Next is one recently bought by Howard T. Williams of Jaffrey from Herbert A. Traill.



*Fortier*

Adjacent is one belonging to Charles Fortier of Derry, once belonging to William Nellar.





*O'Brien*

*Holstrom*

The last two, shown together, belong to William J. O'Brien of Everett, and Carl E. Holstrom of Lynnfield. The O'Brien cottage was once the property of E. C. True, while the Holstrom cottage had two Derry men as owners at different times, Warren Hatch and Foster Rogers.



*Picture by Roy Purinton  
Courtesy of O. R. Cummings*

This small area has been called Breezy Point for many years and the eastern end of it was sold in 1892 by Robert H. Clark. Soon two cottages were built thereon, one by John P. Hardy and the other by E. N. Whitney. Neither one remains but the Hardy cottage is shown in this picture of a passenger car, snow plow and box freight car belonging to the Chester and Derry Electric Railroad.



## CHAPTER III

### ENGLISH RANGE ROAD



*L. Lewis, Jr.—Beeder—Allen*

Tsienneto\* Road as we now know it was in early deeds called “the road to Chester,” which was probably before our present Chester Road was opened all the way to the lake from the Village.

This old Chester Road doubtless came over the old bridge near High Street extension from Woodmont Orchards in a direct line to Ross Corner, then on to Chester in a straight line to and by the #8 schoolhouse. That last small portion of road has been impassable for some time but the first house on English Range Road was at the junction of the two roads and close to both.

This section, originally laid out to John Goffe, was bought with other properties by David Carlton about 1791 and following Carlton’s death thirty years later it had many owners, George W. Greeley, Thomas Tyrie, James E. Morrill, Charles E. Allen, Bertha Beeder, and Emile Peloquin, to name a few.

The old house was burned and Mr. Allen replaced it with the present one. In 1959 the place was purchased by Lester J. Lewis, Jr., of Chester.

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\* Pronounced Sho-nee-tow.





*Knowlton—Seavey*

At first granted to Samuel Graves, this lot was known for years as the Alvin Seavey place, having been in that family from 1864 to 1909. After a few changes in ownership which included those of Maurice Herlihy and Edith Butterfield, it was bought in 1937 by Lt. Col. Ralph C. Soney who after eight years of occupancy sold to Ernest L. Pierce, Jr.

When the Pierce family moved from town it became the home of the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Knowlton.



*A. C. Soney*

On the northern side of this lot is a small cottage belonging to Arnold C. Soney, on land purchased from his brother Ralph in 1941.





*Zumphe*

Next is the Zumphe home, on the west side of the street, and judging from the construction and the sloping roof it is likely that this is the oldest house now standing on English Range Road.

In July 1720 a sixty acre lot was laid out for John Crombie and it remained in that name until 1783 when it was sold to John Palmer. One after another seven members of the Palmer family held title to it. It went under a third family name in 1940 when Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Zumphe became the owners.



*A Beaver Dam*

In 1958 a dam built by beavers on the brook in back of the Zumphe home caused a flooding of their meadow and the State Conservation officers came in, trapped many of the animals and broke down the dam. However, one beaver lodge was left intact and is shown in the accompanying picture.





*A Beaver Lodge*

These diligent rodents have an inborn knowledge of engineering and it is unfortunate that their painstaking work with tree trunks, branches and mud is often detrimental to human property.



*Herlihy*

The grants of Matthew Clark and James Lindsey early became the property of John Wallace and remained in that family for thirty-five years, being sold to Peter Osgood Cheever in 1813.

It was nearly a century later that the Cheever heirs sold to Maurice Herlihy and since 1929 his son Everett Herlihy has been the owner.





*View from near the Herlihy home*



*Ross—Baker*

The John Anderson grant passed to Robert Clark in 1741 and about a hundred years later it was purchased by John Baker. It is now owned by his granddaughter Grace, the wife of Clarence Ross.

The farm is being operated by representatives of the fourth and fifth generations, John Ross with his father Clarence and his son Kenneth.





*Perry*

There were perhaps more changes of ownership of the James Leslie grant than of any other in the English Range, there being at least eight up to 1868 when it was bought by James Sefton of Holyoke, Mass. After thirty-eight years in the Sefton family there were seven more changes in title before 1944. A few of these owners may be remembered by some: Orison Reed, Elvira Hamblett, Joseph Barchard and Robert Morrison. The present owners since 1944 are Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Perry.



*Hocking*

Opposite the Perry place is the home of William O. Hocking who bought the house in 1955. This is also on the James Leslie grant. A small building on this property was made into a house by Mrs. Hamblett and through the succeeding years it has been improved and enlarged several times.

The Swain family lived there for four years, Charlotte Brahm for fifteen, and other short time owners have been Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Crooker, Louis Bloch and Stanislaw Maleszyk.





*Choate*

The James Blair grant came into possession of the Choate family very early and in 1862 the title came from James Choate to his son George I. Choate. Mr. Choate was not married and one of a series of his housekeepers, Mrs. Gertrude Perkins, still lives in Derry and tells of bringing up her children in the old house.

After Mr. Choate's death James Willey owned it for a while, then it was purchased by Mrs. Jane B. Fowlie. A series of fires dogged Mrs. Fowlie and after the old homestead was burned she replaced it with a modern house which was also destroyed by fire.



*Corneliusen*

In 1943 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corneliusen bought the Choate farm and built their present home there.

A story about James Blair, the first owner of this land, is quoted here from Parker's History of Londonderry (1851):

"James Blair was a man of giant stature, being like Saul, king of Israel 'from his shoulders and upward higher than any of the people.' Indians had



once related that they had lain in ambush while Blair and others were working in the field and had opportunities to kill him, but seeing his huge form they dared not shoot, thinking him a god.

“Although Londonderry was a frontier town, yet it was never assailed. Tradition ascribes this signal preservation to the influence of the Reverend Mr. McGregor with the Marquis de Vaudreuil, the French governor of Canada, the two men having been college classmates. The governor induced the Catholic priests to charge the Indians not to injure any of these people and to assure them that no bounty would be paid for their scalps.

“This exemption from savage hostilities may also be ascribed to the fact of their having secured through Col. Wheelwright a fair and acknowledged Indian title to the township.”



*Bentley—April—Dickey*

The thirty-eight acre piece that includes this house was a part of John Blair's grant and it was sold by John Phillips to Jonathan and James Adams, and there were several other owners before the purchase in 1838 by David W. Dickey of Manchester.

The heirs of George W. Dickey in 1915 sold to George H. Wood the extensive acreage that had then accumulated. There were several other owners before 1930 when purchase was made by Edward April who sold in 1937 to Donald Bentley, the present owner.





*Gardner—Dickey—J. Adams*

The Dickey holdings finally included the original grants of James Moore, John Shields and James Rogers as well as that of John Blair. The Jewett farm, adjacent to the Dickey homestead, was on the James Moore grant and a small house on the southwest side of the street was bought by Mr. Dickey in 1865 for the purpose of housing farmers who worked for him. The above picture shows members of the Fred Hall family, tenants for a short time, while the following picture shows the house as it looks today.



*Gardner*

After the Dickey estate was settled this house was bought in 1921 by the present owner, Commander William R. Gardner, who has made extensive improvements since then.





*Nichols*

Beyond the Bentley home is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Burton E. Nichols. This was built on land given to Mrs. Nichols in 1950 by her father, Roy Pingree, and was a part of the F. P. Clark farm.



*W. F. Pierce*

As the English Range Road bears to the northeast to join the Auburn Road, one faces the home of William F. Pierce, built about 1949 on land once owned for many years by Joseph Montgomery, earlier by James Leach and later by Joseph Dubeau.





*Frank P. Clark—Black*

Up the grade from the Pierce home, towards Auburn, stood the Frank Clark homestead. James Adams and Edmund Black were early owners of this large farm which was bought in 1837 by William Danforth Clark at about the time of his marriage to Almira Dodge, a descendant of the Black family. Here they raised their twelve children and here the oldest son, Francis Parkman Clark, lived all but the last few years of his life.

Victor E. Fernstrom was one of a few later owners of the farm until its purchase in 1930 by Roy Pingree.



*Mrs. Roy Pingree*

In 1950 the set of buildings was burned and after an interval Mrs. Pingree is just completing a new home close to the old site.



## CHAPTER IV

### AUBURN ROAD AND OLD CHESTER ROAD



*L. Pingree*

In 1749 John Karr sold a hundred and fifty acres to John Waddell and it was a hundred and ten years before it went from the Waddell heirs to the Pingree name in which it still is.

Moses S. Pingree bought the farm in 1861 and sold it to his son John D. S. Pingree in 1903. After the latter died it went from his estate to Frank Mitchell, then to Mathias Lussier and in 1944 the home farm again went under the Pingree name with its purchase by Roy, the son of John. Now it is owned by Roy's son Lawrence, four generations of one family spanning almost ninety years, not including the twelve years it was owned outside the family.

John Pingree primarily was a farmer, but he was a teamster, also, and for many years he hauled from the freight depot all the lumber that came into town for the Benjamin Chase Co. in Derry Village.





*Malo—N. H. Brown*

In 1774 Nathaniel Brown of Newbury Falls, Mass. made his first purchase of land in Derry, buying over two hundred acres from James Rogers in five lots. One of these parcels became the home place of three generations of Nathaniel Browns.

In 1904 Nahum A. Thurston became the owner of the hundred and ten acre farm and he was followed by A. E. Colcord with a twenty year ownership and Newton Meekins with sixteen years and in 1944 the present owner, Leo L. Malo, purchased it.

The magnificent stand of elm trees around the house has made the place a landmark for years.

(The Bisbee home is mentioned in the chapter on Chester Road.)

Reverend J. G. MacMurphy in an article about the Three-Quarter Mile Range says that forty acres of land was laid out to Lt. Gov. John Wentworth as a second division in 1721 and after eight years he exchanged it for a lot elsewhere in the town.

This is definitely identified as the territory where the present home of George S. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ferdinando is situated, and accounts for the name "Wentworth Lodge" which has clung to the estate for many years.

James Hunter apparently obtained the grant turned back by Lt. Gov. Wentworth and it later became the property of John T. G. Dinsmore who sold it in 1852. In the next fifty-four years there were seven owners. Isaac





*Jones—Ferdinando*

Hunt lived there for seventeen years and Robert Rogers, Jr. for thirteen but the others were for short terms.

In 1906 Carrie B. Elkins sold the large farm to Isabella Jones, the mother of the present owners.

Not far from the Jones—Ferdinando home Auburn Road merges with the Old Chester Road and passes Adams Pond, on the shore of which is the Adams home.



*B. F. Adams*

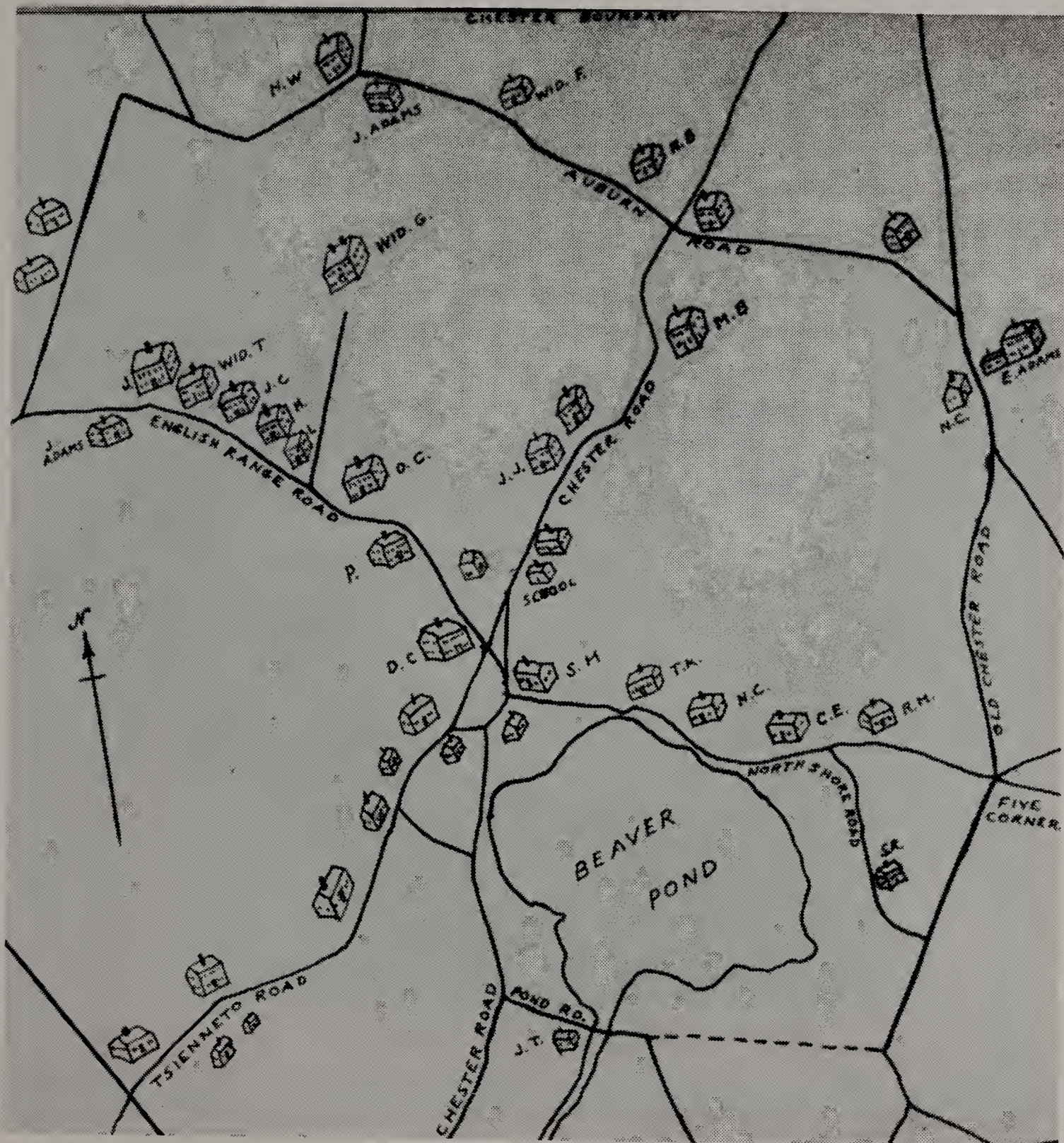
Edmund Adams, grandfather of the present owner, came here from Salem, N. H. about 1832 and lived in a smaller house than the one now standing. The ell of it had once been a tutoring school on Lane Road near the Blakey Home in East Derry.

Edmund Adams died in 1858. Of his eight children the only one who mar-



ried was Benjamin who was a benefactor of Derry, giving money for a new town hall. It was he who built the present home, keeping the old ell which makes a pleasant place for social gatherings in the summer.

The accompanying map is taken in part from one drawn in 1832 by Hannah T. Adams, an aunt of the present owner.



*(Used by courtesy of B. F. Adams)*





*Adams Cobbler Shop*

An old family retainer named Diantha became so stout that she could no longer do the housework for the family, so she was given a home in a cottage across the street that had been the family's cobbler shop. When Catherine Foster married Benjamin Adams one of her daily duties was to go over to Diantha's modest home and tie her shoestrings, she not being able to reach them herself.



*Adams Blacksmith Shop*

Nearby is another cottage which was once a blacksmith shop.

It was customary to drain the Cargill Pond, as it was earlier called, every summer and cut hay on the pond bottom. This water supplied power for three mills, a fulling mill situated on the east side of the road, a saw mill on the



brook below the road and the grist mill a mile downstream. In 1724 David Cargill engaged Robert Gilmore to build a fulling mill for him, paying the bill with a considerable acreage of land.

All the water rights of the brook from Beaver Pond up were given to David Cargill in 1720 and in 1732 he sold it all to John McMurphy and Robert Boyes. An earlier Benjamin Adams, a relative of the present owner, was probably the first one to buy the mills at this point.



*R. Reynolds*

Not far from Adams Mill Pond, on the Old Chester Road, is a new house built about 1956 by Ralph H. Reynolds on land that had been owned by the Reynolds family for nearly two hundred years.

A son, Richard E. Reynolds, lives in a trailer close by.



## CHAPTER V

### TSIENNETO ROAD (Sho-Nee-Tow)



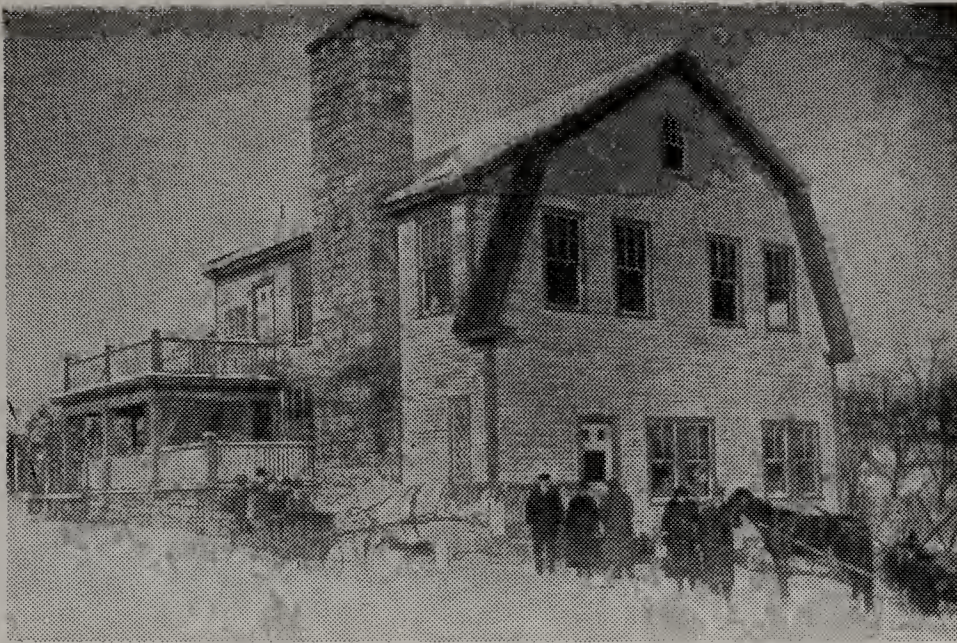
*Wight*

In 1910 E. L. Capen Wight bought the house at the junction of Tsienneto Road and the Londonderry Turnpike from Margaret and Alexander Shumway. It stands on one of the original Aiken grants and during the years that Mr. Wight was a resident he bought land on both sides of Tsienneto Road including the Walter Clement farm nearly a mile east.

Later owners of the Shumway place have been David Burnett, A. A. Dority and the present owner Walter Horsfall.

Mr. Wight made changes in his first purchase, which had for years been known as the Joshua Morse place, and he built a workshop and studio on the east end of the lot about 1914 and sold it in 1920 to Elvira Hamblett. There were several owners for brief periods until it was bought by Nelson Belleisle in 1929.





*Wight Workshop*



*Tinkham*

While it was vacant the building was burned, and the land was sold in 1938 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tinkham who built their present home there, utilizing the original chimney.





*Mills—DeWolfe*

This house on the east side of the road was also owned for a while by Mrs. Hamblett and later occupants were William R. Moore, Eva E. Gowing and Charles H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril M. DeWolfe held title for twenty-one years until 1957 when they sold to Charles R. Johnson. The house is now owned by Mrs. Winifred Mills.

At one time there was blacksmith shop here.



*Benoit—C. H. Clement, Sr.*

This house lot lies in the Cochran grant and after 1778, when the Cochran ownership ended, there were eight or more owners in fifty years, until Danford Butrick bought a large acreage. His heirs sold in 1866 after forty years, when Mrs. Charles H. Clement, Sr. bought the house and the acre and a half on which it stands.

In 1953 it was deeded by the Clement heirs to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Benoit.





*Rider*

This also belonged to Danford Butrick. Cyrus O. Butrick, Robert W. Thompson, James H. Willey, Loretta A. Adams, Leon P. Widger and Leonard S. Tupper were only a few of the many owners up to 1926 when it became the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rider.

East of the house is the old Cochran road laid out in 1724 as “the road to Amoskeeg Falls.” It ran from Chester Road in Derry Village through unpopulated land, across Tsienneto Road and crossed the present Londonderry Turnpike about two miles above the Village. The road was discontinued in 1819 and the land was sold to the abutters.





## *Hoit*

This location, the site of three homes, was on the Cochran grant and in 1796 was sold to Robert Rogers of Saco, Maine. Moses Hoit, the next owner, lived for about forty years in a large house near the present home of the Raitt family. The Hoit house was burned but a huge elm in front escaped the conflagration and still stands in solitary grandeur.



*Middleway*

*Harold Blake, Dean Sanborn, Archie Hepworth, Ray Morrill.*

*Picture taken by Richmond Wight in 1919.*

In 1909 Mr. Wight obtained the Hoit farm of ninety acres and built a house thereon which was known in the family as Middleway, being about centered on Mr. Wight's Tsienneto Road holdings.

This house, too, was burned after it had been sold to a member of the McKinney family.

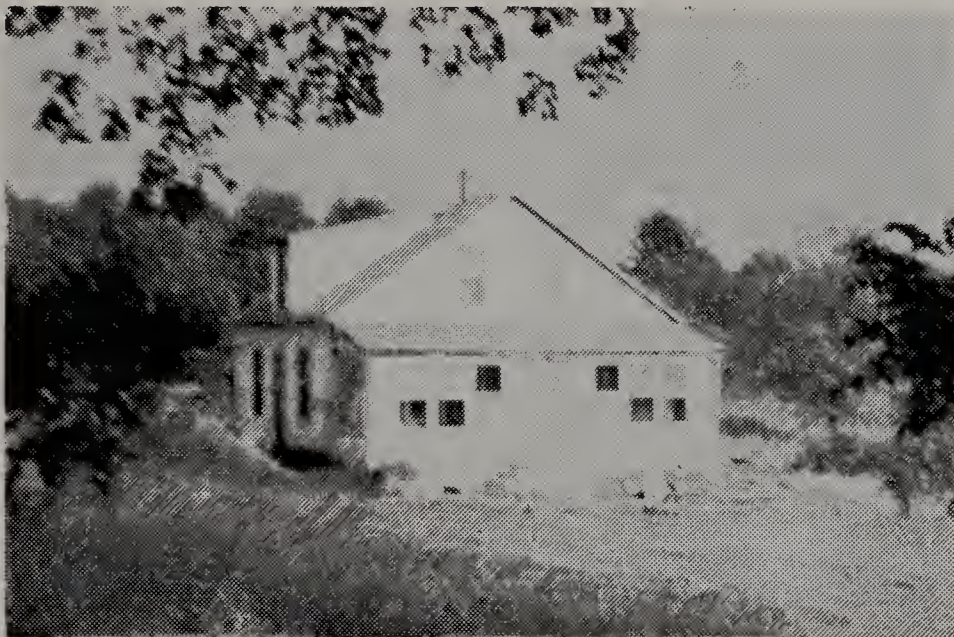
At one time the house bore a sign "Welwyn" and the large estates comprised in Welwyn included the one at the turnpike, called "Shumway" because it had previously been owned by a man of that name; "Middleway," which explains itself; and the former Clement place which Mr. Wight, for reasons known to himself, called "Ordway."





*Raitt*

P. L. McKinney operated a milk route and erected a bottling plant here. After the business was discontinued the building was bought in 1952 by members of the Raitt family who made it into a comfortable home which they still occupy, it being the third house to stand on the same lot.



*Daskal*

Across the street from the Raitt home was a house which for a quarter of a century was owned by Richard Melvin, inn keeper, and then for forty years by members of the Ladd family.

Mr. Wight owned it for a brief time, as did Elvira Hamblett, but since 1932 the Daskal family has had ownership, the present house replacing the old Ladd homestead that had been destroyed by fire.





*Hobsch*

East of the Raitt property is the home of Arthur F. Hobsch, built on land purchased from Mrs. P. L. McKinney in 1954.



*Desrocher*

A little farther along the road is another house, that of Arthur J. Desrocher, also located on McKinney land bought in 1955.





*St. Cyr*

Albert St. Cyr bought land from John P. Clement in 1951 and built the house which his son John St. Cyr now occupies.



*W. S. Clement*

Early owners of this estate, which was a part of the large grant made originally to John, Janet and Samuel McKeen, were Charles Cox, David Clement and his son Charles. In 1879 the latter sold the one hundred and fifty acres to Walter S. Clement who built the house pictured above. In 1911 he sold it and moved from town.





*Beaver Lake*



*Ventre—McKinney—Wight—Clement*

Mr. Wight, the new owner of the Clement house, enlarged it and occupied it until 1920 when P. L. McKinney became the owner. Since 1957 Robert and James Ventre have held the title.





*Hunt*

The Robert McKeen grant was sold to William Ramsey before 1784 when a series of long-time owners commenced. James Palmer who came to town from Bradford, Mass. owned it for forty years, and some of the later purchasers were Edmund Adams, Moses G. Steele, and the Jonathan Clement family which after thirty-three years sold out to John N. Hunt in 1904.



*DeGroot—Hunt*

In 1940 the present owner, Gerritt DeGroot, obtained the farm.



## BEAVER ROAD



*C. DeGroot*

This cross road connecting Tsienneto and Chester Roads starts opposite Gerritt DeGroot's house and has on it only three houses, the one on the west side being the home of Cornelius DeGroot, built on land bought from his father in 1952.

Almost all the territory bounded by Beaver Road, Chester Road and by Tsienneto Road on two sides was purchased in 1940 by William M. Cole, and a few years later Earle G. Davis bought a parcel of this land and built two houses on the east side of the street.



*Beeman*

The first one built by Davis was sold in 1948 to Josiah H. V. Fisher and by him to the present owner, John F. Beeman in 1951.





*Richardson*

The next house has been owned by Harold B. Weeks and by Edward J. Bonelli and since 1958 by Howard E. Richardson.



*Horgan—Wm. C. Palmer*

The grant of John Senter, like that of Robert McKeen, was also owned in early years by William Ramsey and James Palmer. The title remained in the Palmer family from 1787 until 1932 when it was bought by the present owner, Dennis F. Horgan.





*J. DeGroot*

On the south side of Tsienneto Road is the home of Jacob DeGroot, built on land sold to him by his father in 1949.



*G. DeGroot, Jr.*

In 1947 Charles L. Kelley bought a piece of land, formerly part of the Wm. C. Palmer estate, and built a house which he sold to Harold F. Knowlton who in turn sold after eight years to Gerritt DeGroot, Jr. in 1957.



## CHAPTER VI

### CHESTER ROAD



*Brisebois*

This house, close to the line of district #8, was built by Wilfred J. Brisebois and is on land once belonging to Mrs. Brisebois' grandmother, Mrs. Ann Kehoe. It was originally a part of the large grant to John, Janet and Samuel McKeen.



*Roberts*



It is not known who built this house which has had several owners, among them John F. Baker and Everett Hearn. There were many tenants through the years until its purchase in 1920 by Albert B. Roberts. During his occupancy the house was burned, in 1925, and was soon replaced by a new house which was sold by Mr. Roberts in 1958 to the present owner, Theodore J. Arsenault.



*Arsenault—Roberts*



*Keating*

At the corner of Chester Road and Pond Road there is a house, a little lower than the road and half hidden by surrounding trees, that has been owned by John Keating for about twenty years. W. J. Kingsbury built this, using part of the old battery station of the Chester and Derry Railroad, that formerly stood on the Old Chester Road.





*Varney*

In 1944 the area near here, on the west side of the road, was bought by William M. Cole from the Francis H. Clement estate and was laid out in house lots. The first lot sold was to Mr. and Mrs. Burton A. Varney in 1948 and they at once built the spacious home they now occupy.



*Kirkland*

Nearby is the summer home of John Kirkland. It was originally planned by Maynard Barton for a store and was near the road, but was later moved back and made into a home by Freeman Davis. In 1957 it was sold to Mr. Kirkland.





*Pacheco & Souza*

Opposite the Varney home are three attractive summer cottages, the first one belonging to Mrs. Pacheco and Mrs. Souza.



*Sumner*

The second one has been owned by Herman G. Sumner since 1950. It formerly belonged to John F. Hibbard.

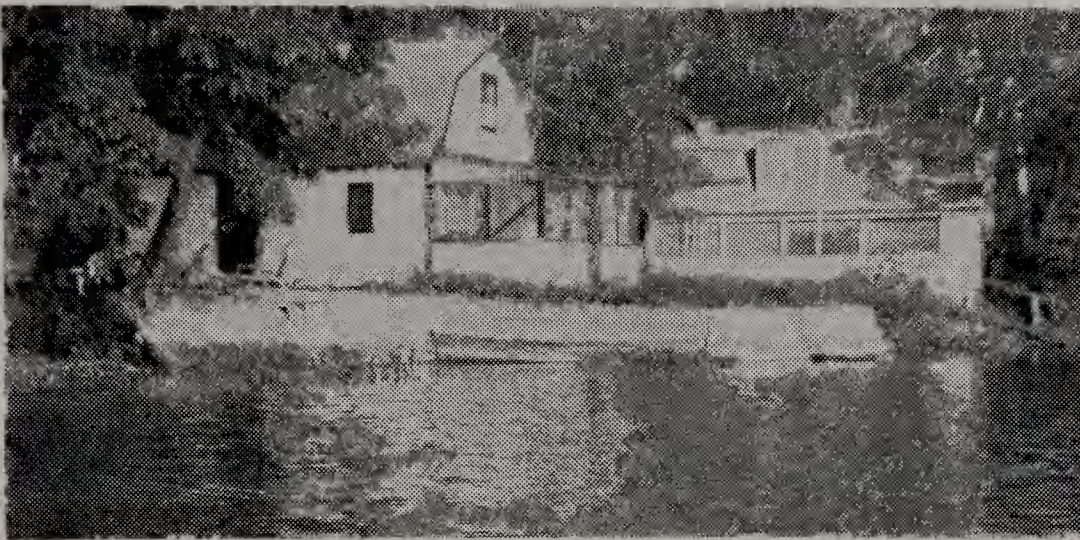




*Silva*

The third is the property of George A. Silva of Chelsea, Mass.

These three cottages are on land formerly owned by the Madden family and behind them, down on the shore, are seven small cottages accessible from the main road. This portion of the lake shore has been known as Madden Shore, and the cottages, from Gallien's Beach, are in the following order:



*Thomas O'Donnell      Mrs. Mary A. Gagan*





*Mrs. Laura G. Barry*

*Charles Burns*



*Roseland*

*Mrs. Rose McGauley*



*Charles W. Bennett*

*Miss K. V. Dilworth*





*Miss Caroline Clement—Powers*

At the corner of Beaver Road, the narrow lane connecting Chester and Tsienneto Roads, there is a cottage owned for many years by Miss Caroline B. Clement whose grandfather at one time held the present DeGroot home as a family residence. In 1958 this summer home was sold to Frederick S. Powers.



*R. A. Palmer*

Close by the Powers place is the home erected in 1947 by Rufus A. Palmer for his own use. Situated on a small rise of land, the house has been added to in recent years and makes a very attractive year-round home for Mr. Palmer and his family.





*Schroth*

The next lot belongs to Ferdinand A. Schroth and stands on an even higher eminence. From the site the accompanying picture of the road below was taken many years ago. Here another tributary of Beaver Lake enters from the west, known over the years as Ramsey Brook, Cheever Brook and Abbott Brook. These three houses are on land once belonging to the William C. Palmer estate.





## *GRAND AVENUE*

Nearly opposite the Rufus Palmer home there is an entrance to a group of permanent and summer homes in a section once belonging to the William C. Palmer estate, purchased and developed by William Cole and his brother George in 1937.

This little area, quietly apart from the traffic on Chester Road, bears the pretentious name of Grand Avenue, although two cars might find difficulty in passing each other on it.



*Beauchesne*

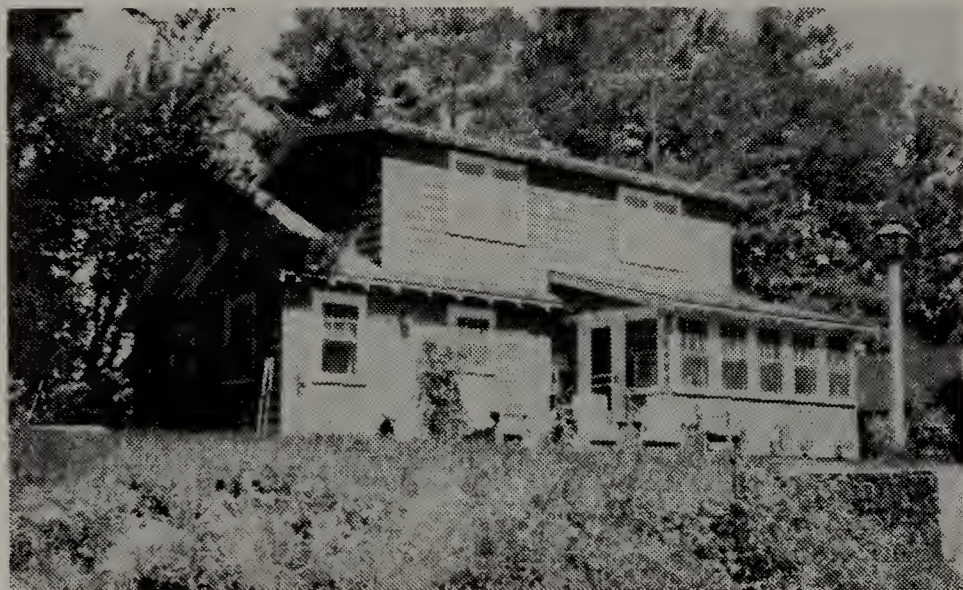
On the right are three all year residences. The first is owned by Robert E. Beauchesne of Andover, Mass. and has been occupied for a few years by E. Russell Raymond and family.



*Dolan*



Next is the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Dolan, built by Justin D. Toporowski, and beyond is the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Graham, formerly owned by George J. Dupont.



*Graham*

On a height of land near the Graham home there once stood a cottage owned by the W. C. Palmer family, one of the early ones built thereabout. A double row of pines leads to the spot from the south end of Grand Avenue.

As one turns back at the end of Grand Avenue, where it rejoins Chester Road, a row of houses on the lake shore is seen. Starting at the wall that separates the Grand Avenue development from the Madden Shore area the places are owned as follows:



*Joseph A. DeStefano*





*Charles J. Carroll      Chester Fiorentino*



*Mrs. Ernest Bienvenue*



*Mrs. Elizabeth Lane*





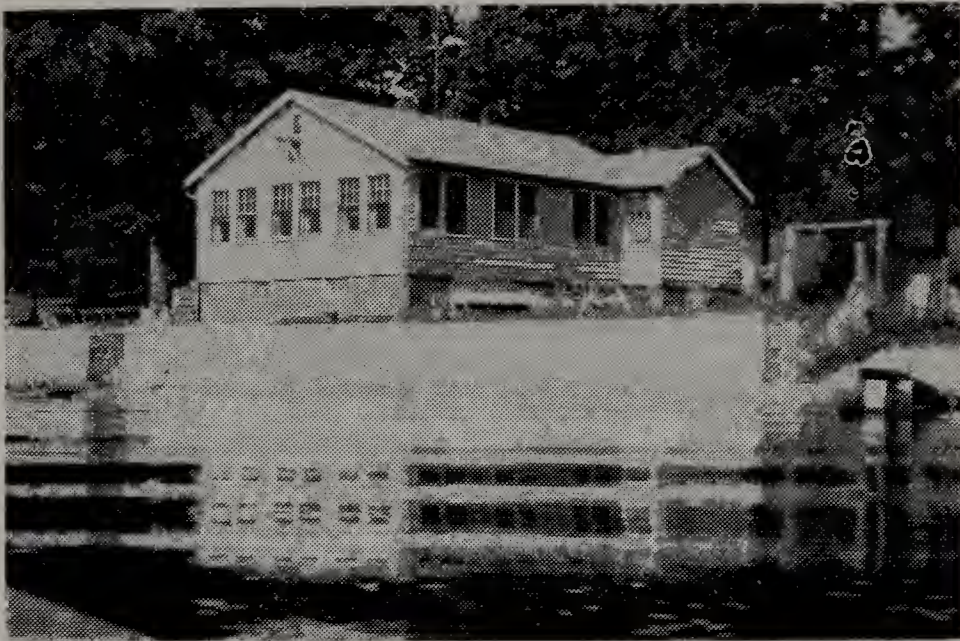
The shore line of Grand Avenue is completed by the large summer home of Dr. P. E. Bouchard of Nashua.



*The Oaks*  
*Fuller*

Close by is the summer home of Albert G. Fuller who has served for a number of years as one of the Rockingham County Commissioners. It is close to the lake on the front and there is a spacious yard in the rear which is often the scene of social gatherings.





*Lewis*

Next is a sizable year-round home occupied by the family of Carl Lewis. This was built by Mrs. Lewis' mother, Mrs. Freda Demaree and the picture was taken from the lake.



*Cat o'Nine Tails*

Nearby is a group of cabins and a lunch stand, known for years as the "Cat-o-Nine Tails." The stand was built by William M. Cole and was operated at one time by his sister, Mrs. Charles Quimby. There have been several other owners since, but for a dozen years it has been the property of Walter E. Smith, who erected several of the cabins and has just hung a new sign, "Lake Shore Motor Court."

The lake side view of the group of cabins is also shown.





*Cat o'Nine Tails*



*Charles Doherty*

Some winters in the past the ice on Beaver Lake has been in perfect condition for horse racing and after being plowed it has been the scene of some spirited contests.

Charles Doherty, veteran blacksmith and owner of fine trotters, is shown as he won a race on the ice with "Jolly Worthy" in 1941 at the age of seventy. Moving pictures were taken and shown on newsreels all around the country





and many Derry people wintering in Florida or California were pleasantly surprised to see someone they knew dashing along the course on Beaver Lake.

Weather conditions have not been propitious for ice racing for several winters but Mr. Doherty, now eighty-eight, is often seen driving along through the business section of Derry and he would probably be the first to enter the lists, should a race on the ice be scheduled.



*Tebo—T. B. Abbott*

This house and the two next to be mentioned stand on land once known as the Ramsey Farm, being the original grant to John Robie. Purchased by Samuel Marshall and given to two of his sons, it was later sold to Isaac Bradford.



The house was built about 1890 by Thomas B. Abbott and was sold thirty years later to Mrs. Delia Frazer who called it the "Massachusetts House." In 1950 the house and adjacent land became the property of Arthur A. Levesque. Since then it has been occupied by Mrs. Levesque's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Whittier and known as Whittier Gables. This year it has been bought by James Tebo.



*Levesque*

In 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Levesque built a large ranch-type house overlooking the lake for a year-round home. The view shown is from the lake side.



*Picard*

Just east of the Levesque land is a lot with a house on it belonging to Arthur J. Picard. It is accessible by a private way leading in from Chester Road near Whittier Gables. Previous owners have been Willoughby Allen and Patrick Reddington.

There were at one time several small cottages nearby, since removed.





*Durning—Moy*

This house, built by Charles Kelley and owned for some time by Harry Moy, is now the home of Chester Durning.

#### *District #8 Schoolhouse*

The schoolhouse for this district was formerly located on the opposite side of Chester Road in the Marshall pasture, but a new one was built in 1856 on land once owned by Daniel Carlton and bought by the school district in 1846.

Each school had its own committee and in 1857 the town report gave nine pages to the district reports, in which the chairman of the "superintending school committee" for #8 stated, "This district always has good schools. One main reason of it may be the general interest of the inhabitants in the education of their children. Always ready to contribute what may be for the benefit of their school, they have especially honored themselves and the town also by the erection this winter of a large and handsome schoolhouse at an expense of fifteen hundred dollars."

Some of the chairmen of the school committees in making their reports of the districts were outspoken in criticism of the abilities of some teachers in town but they were equally generous with praise where it was due and old #8 seemed to have been about the best school in town.





*District #8 Schoolhouse*



*Gorrie*

After the district entered the town consolidation the schoolhouse and the twenty square rods on which it stands was sold in 1932 to Albert Warren of Chester and later made into a residence. Other owners have been Florence Nutting, Martin Grady, William R. Gardner, Jr. and in 1948 it was bought by Thomas Gorrie and is still occupied by Mrs. Gorrie.





*School Group, District No. 8—1902*

Miss Mabel Alexander and Helen Clement

Josie Baker, Grace Baker, Waldo Deedee, Ernest Pierce, Eva Pingree, Edith Hall, Marjorie Osborn, Eugene Pingree, George Hunt, Ralph Hall, Maud Baker, Lillian Pingree, Ruth Whittaker, Helen Benson, Clarissa Hall, Vera Smith, Ruth Johnson, Harry Hall.

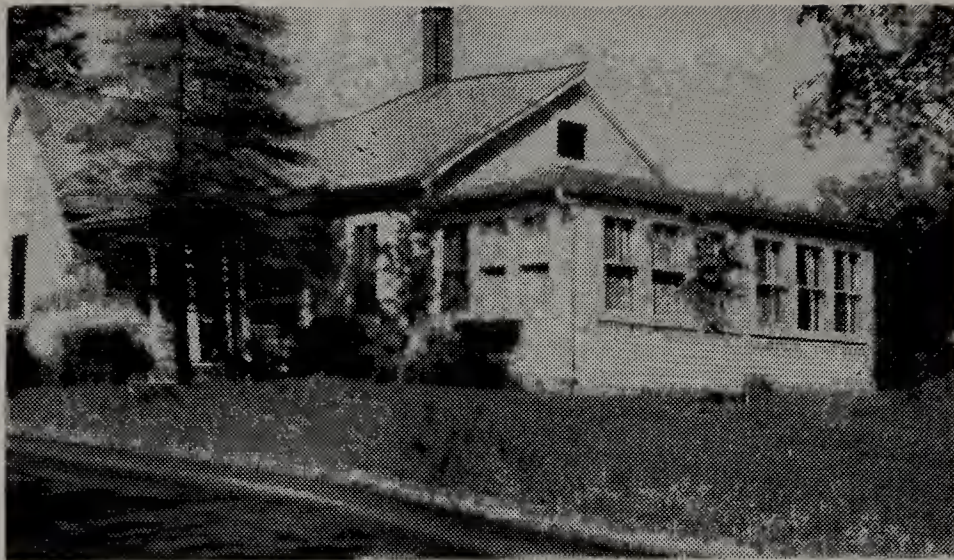


*School Group, District No. 8—1903*

Miss Lucy Hunt

Helen Benson, Lillian Pingree, Eva Pingree, Marion Perkins, Nettie Hefner, Clarissa Hall, Abbie Willey, Jessie Willey, Ruth Whittaker, Beatrice Bagley, Ruth Benson, Maud Baker, Florence Garvin, Lillian Perkins, Harry Hall, Earle Pingree, Grant Benson, Carl Hall, Ralph Hall, Orrin Hall, Roy Pingree, Joseph Perkins, Lloyd Hearn.





*W. P. Raymond—Logan—Chase*

Early owners of this half-acre were Michael Molyneux in 1774, Peter Calhoun in 1781 and later ones were Enos Blake and William Blake, Eliphalet Sargent and Alvin J. Chase.

The Chase family occupied the house (it is not known who built it) for about fifty years and it was sold to William H. Logan in 1904. Lillian W. McNeil, Lottie P. Wright and George F. Pushee followed as owners until 1954 when it was purchased by the present owner, Wilton P. Raymond.

In 1894 Mr. Chase made his will and after his death the inventory showed among many items, “a lot of calamity in the shed—50c,” a different name for what is sometimes called sculch or junk!



*Charles Hill*

Proceeding upgrade towards Chester, the first house on the left beyond the schoolhouse is the fertile farm known for years as the Horace Hill farm.



This land, or part of it, was bought in 1832 by Charles Hill from John Carlton, being part of the John Goffe grant.

Mr. Hill cleared the land and built the small house shown above. Here his son, Horace A., lived and in 1883 enlarged the house, adding another story. After the death of Mr. Hill and of his son-in-law, J. Herbert Emerson, Mrs. Emerson moved from town and the place was sold to Roy Pingree. In 1956 Mrs. Pingree sold the farm to Dennis J. Beck, but she continued to live there, renting until 1959 when she completed a new house at the upper end of the English Range.



*Beck—H. A. Hill*



*V. Ferdinando*



The land northeast of the Horace Hill farm for quite a distance belonged to members of the Jenness family, as well as another smaller section on the other side of the road, and it was a part of this larger acreage that Hale True of Chester bought and lived on, giving it to his son Cummings in 1871.

With no windbreaks between the Hill house and the present home of the Tetreaults, the road was apt to be very drifty in winter, and Eph Nichols, a great raconteur who drove the stagecoach between Derry and Chester, told of the drifts being so high against the True home that he rode right over them and looked down the big chimney and saw "old lady True" frying doughnuts! Mrs. J. Herbert Emerson who spent many years of her life in the house next door says that Eph Nichols' stories had to be taken with a grain of salt, but that she remembered drifts so high that as a child she could look from the top of them into the second story windows of the True home.

Amos Pingree and Nahum J. Thurston were two owners about 1910 and one of them replaced the old house, that had been burned, by a smaller building which was enlarged to its present size by Mrs. Charles Wilson and her sister, Miss Wentworth (who later became Mrs. Louis M. Packer). Since 1944 the house has been owned by Louis J. Ferdinando and occupied by his son Vincent and family.



*Wise—Gardiner*

In 1927 twelve acres of the Ebenezer Clark land was sold, and a part of it was purchased in 1933 by Winfield Gardiner, who built a house there which he sold a few years later to Fred K. Crawford, and since 1948 Frank N. Wise has been the owner.





*Fraser*

More of this same twelve acre piece came into possession of Walter E. Fraser and he built a home for himself there in 1954. These two houses are on the east side of Chester Road.



*Mayers*

In 1830 this land was sold by Amos C. Jenness to Ebenezer Clark and it was in that family name for over a hundred years. After the death of Samuel P. Clark it was bought by Mrs. Joseph R. Edwards in 1936 and for a short time she conducted a tea room there.

In 1943 Mrs. Edwards sold to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram F. Mayers.





*Tetreault*

Cummings W. True received this land from his parents, Hale and Clarissa True, in 1871 but he continued to live in the family home for many years, finally building the house now owned by William Tetreault.

After Mr. True's untimely death in 1917, due to a runaway horse, Mrs. True sold the house and there were eight owners, in the thirty years until 1947 (half of that period members of the Zirpolo family held title) and it was then bought by Mr. and Mrs. William D. Tetreault.



*Parsons—O. S. Bartlett*

In 1802 this property on the south side of the street was sold to Josiah Bailey of Newbury, Mass. and it remained in the Bailey name for almost sixty years. Another long time occupant was the O. S. Bartlett family for twenty-six years. In the next fifty years there were eleven owners; some of them were Henry C. Handerson, George H. McGregor and Alexander MacDonald and in 1956 it was purchased by the present owner, Harold E. Parsons.





*Rand—Poole*

In 1860 Samuel C. Bailey sold land and buildings on the south side of Chester Road to Leonard Clark of Groveland, Mass. with fifty-two acres of land.

In 1886 it became the property of William H. Poole and in 1919 was bought by John P. Donnelly. During the Donnelly ownership the old house was struck by lightning and burned.

In 1941 thirty acres of the original fifty-two were sold to Mrs. Mildred Poole of Reading, Mass. who started to build a cottage farther back from the road than the original house. This she sold in 1953 to Richard E. Rand who finished the house and now occupies it.



*Meadowbrook  
Taylor—Donnelly*



During the ownership of the Donnellys they built a tearoom a short distance along on the same side of the road. This was known as Meadowbrook and was sold in 1948 and converted into a dwelling. There were three later owners, George Stokinger, Norman McKinnon and Warren Y. Slocom, before the sale in 1952 to the present owner, Kenneth A. Taylor.

Around a curve in the road, on land which was sold by Mrs. Joseph Edwards, are three cottages. The first one was sold by Fred A. Zirpolo to Glover B. Preble, Jr. in 1959, the second one was built by the present occupant, Layford B. Collins about 1947 and the third one was sold by Ernest J. Lavarnway to Walter E. Leveridge in 1955.



*Preble*



*Collins*





*Leveridge*



*Gregoire—Bisbee*

In 1871 this farm was sold to George F. Priest by the assignees of a bankruptcy sale. Later owners were Osborn D. Couch, Eben C. Colby, and Benjamin Greer. In 1892 it was sold to members of the Mark Hill family and after 1924 there were three more brief ownerships.

In 1929 it was purchased by Chester G. Bisbee and was sold to Robert L. Gregoire in 1959, after thirty years of Bisbee ownership.

(This house really faces on Auburn Road but as much of the farm fronts on Chester Road it was thought wise to include it in this chapter.)



The next three houses pictured are on land bought from Chester Bisbee and they are the last houses on Chester Road before coming to the Derry-Chester town line.

The first one is owned by Maurice Pierce, the second one belongs to Robert E. Stone, and the third one is that of Donald I. Carey.



CAREY *Pierce*



*Stone*





*PIERCE Carey*



## CHAPTER VII

### POND ROAD



*Old Ice house*

There have been several ice houses in this area, which was formerly known as the Reed field. A. A. Pressey sold to C. S. Pettee in 1879 with the stipulation that Henry E. Eastman should be furnished with free ice for one year and then allowed to help himself to as much as he wanted, no time limit specified!

The ice house shown here was perhaps the first one in the area and it was put together with wooden pegs, no nails being used. It finally weakened and collapsed and was removed by P. D. Sawyer and replaced. There was at one time an ice house at Horne's Pond, near the railroad, but there were so many cinders in the ice that customers complained, and ice cut at Ela's Pond on the Nashua Road was also criticized on account of the pine needles frozen into it, so Beaver Lake ice was the most popular.

Other early owners of the ice business were Elmer D. Goodwin & George Priest, Charles Pettee for a second time, Mrs. Sally Williamson, C.C. Morse, John Q. & Bennie Hill and, after 1908, P. D. Sawyer.





Mr. Sawyer is shown using a hand plow to clear the ice. Open water may be seen in the distance where ice has been removed.

In the meantime W. F. Madden had built an ice house nearby, but he sold it in 1922 to the Hill brothers and it was later burned.



*Gallien's Parking Area*

In 1953 Mr. Sawyer sold the land to Albert J. Gallien who has developed a good beach and a recreation area with picnic tables and ample parking space which is well patronized in the summer. Mr. Gallien lives in a cottage nearby.





*Gallien's Beach*



*Bragdon*

This small cottage near the parking area is owned by Mrs. Cora Bragdon. It was moved here from another location.





*Costa—Bean*

Converse H. Abbott owned the strip of land on the water side of Pond Road for thirty years, selling it then to Harry W. Wilson. After another twenty years the Wilson heirs sold it to William M. Cole and the parcel with the house pictured soon came into possession of Gustavus H. Bean. Mr. Bean built the cottage and after a few years' occupancy sold it in 1956 to Sam Costa of Salem, Mass.



*Smith—Taylor*

In 1830 Josiah Stowell and Henry Chapin, realtors of their day, sold four acres of land to James Taylor, Jr. As the price was only a hundred and twenty-five dollars it may be assumed that Mr. Taylor was the one who built the house, known ever since as the Taylor place. Over sixty years after the purchase Mr. Taylor bequeathed it to some of his children and it finally came to Walter H. Warren, a great-grandson. In 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Warren sold it to Guy A. Smith and it is still occupied by members of that family.





*Pond Road View*

### *THE POND BRIDGE*

Between the Taylor place and the entrance to Cole's Grove is Beaver Brook, the outlet of Beaver Pond. Quoted from the early records is the following:

"At a town Meeting September ye 17th, 1725 it is votted that Robert Boys shall build ye bridge at ye Lower end of Beaver pond sufficiently from hard ground on each side and further that the aforesd Robert Boys shall be oblided to Keep up in Good repair for the space of two years from the time that he shall finish the same aforesaid bridge, and shall have for his makeing building and Keeping up the same bridge for the time aforesaid the sume of twelve pounds—and ten days work out of the publick work of the town as he shall call for from the severall quarters of the Town.—and that the aforesd Robt Boys shall have power to cutt timber upon the ministeriall Lott to repair and build said Bridge and that that the said Robert Boys shall be oblided to finish said bridge at or before the first of January next enshewing."

It was customary in new settlements to lay out grants known as Ministerial grants to aid in the support of the minister, and according to the above quotation, to furnish lumber for town projects. There were two or more ministerial lots in this town, one of them including all the land, and more, embraced in Cole's Grove.

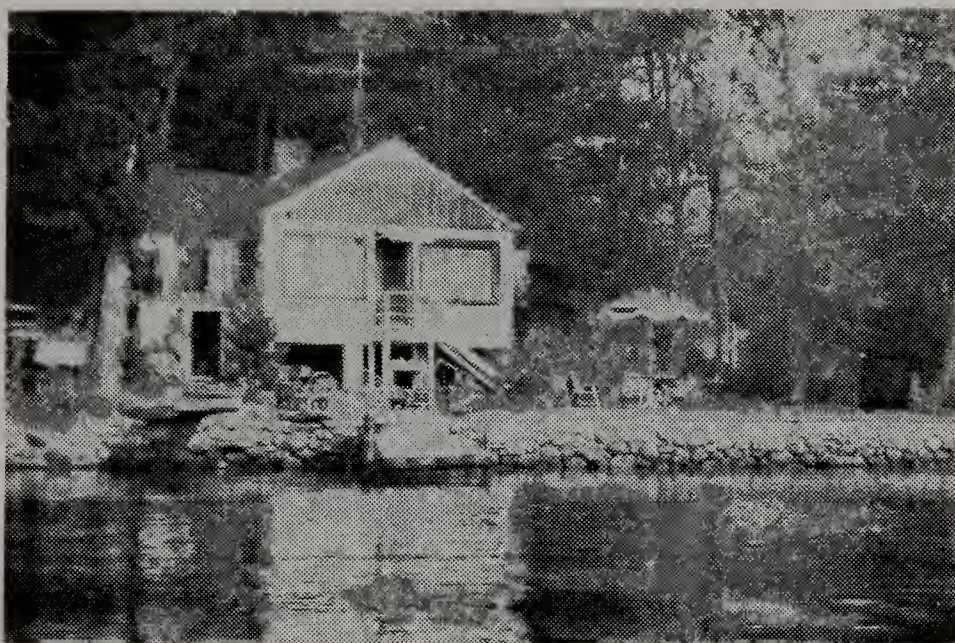
This area was finally discontinued for its original purpose and sold, eventually being bought by Stephen Holland, who had a store near the Allen Garage in East Derry. It was suspected, and finally proved, that he was a Tory and all his holdings were confiscated and sold. This Cole Grove section eventually came to the Shepard family and was sold to William M. Cole and two partners.



## CHAPTER VIII

### COLE'S GROVE

This territory was purchased in 1931 by William M. Cole, Grant G. Benson and Howard G. Moody and was at first called "Beaver Lake Pines." Soon, however, Mr. Cole bought out the interest of his partners and the development became known as Cole's Grove.



*Blasi*

Following the shore line into the grove the first cottage is that of Pasquale Blasi of Medford, and the next one is owned by the family of George Rose.





*Rose*



*D'Amore*

Adjacent is Mrs. Josephine D'Amore's cottage and beyond it is one recently owned by Garrett P. Barry and sold by him to Frank DiMarzio of Derry.





*DiMarzio—Barry*



*M. Avallone*





*M. Avallone*

*Sevigny*

Michael Avallone owns two which he rents and Willard O. Sevigny occupies one called "Twin Pines."



*J. N. Sevigny*

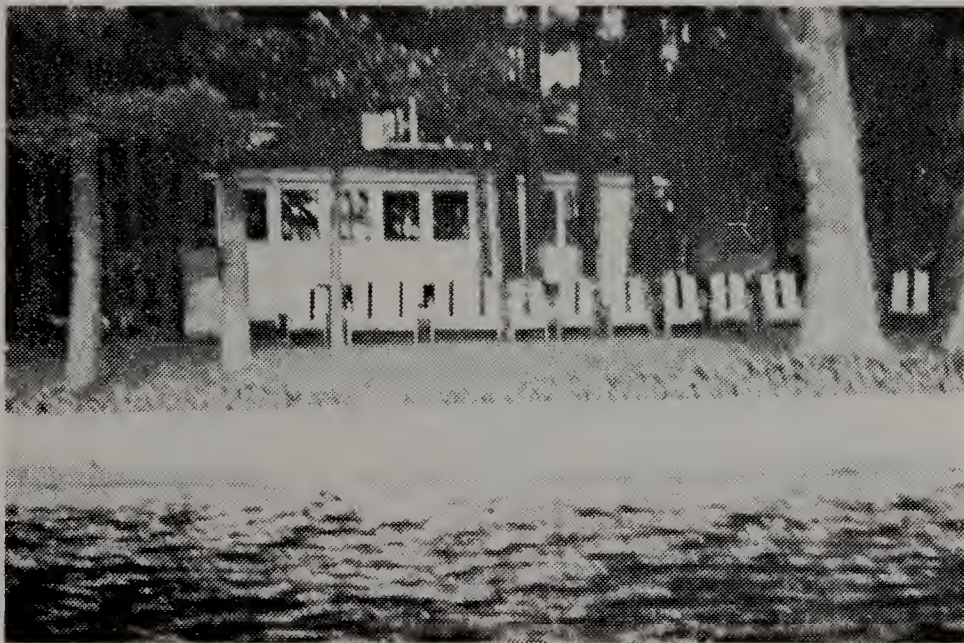
"Red Oak," now owned by J. N. Sevigny, was formerly Vere Eddy's.





*A. Avallone*

An attractive white cottage is owned by Anthony Avallone and beside it is a large house built by William Cole, owned for several years by Mrs. G. H. Hood and later by Daniel J. Kelley who sold it in 1959 to Arthur L. Link of West Acton.



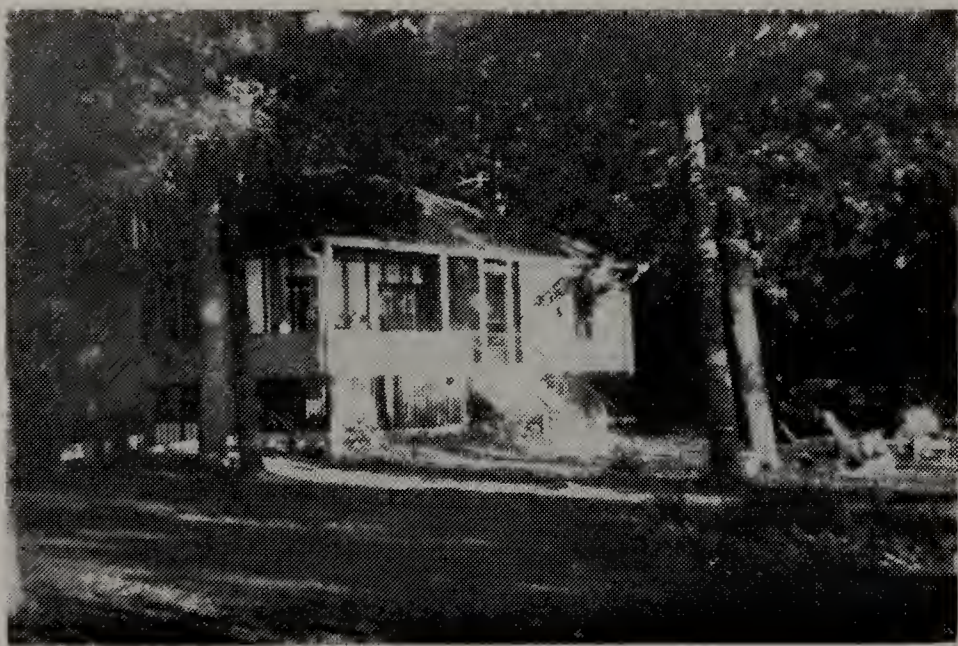
*Link—Kelley—Hood*





*Lane*

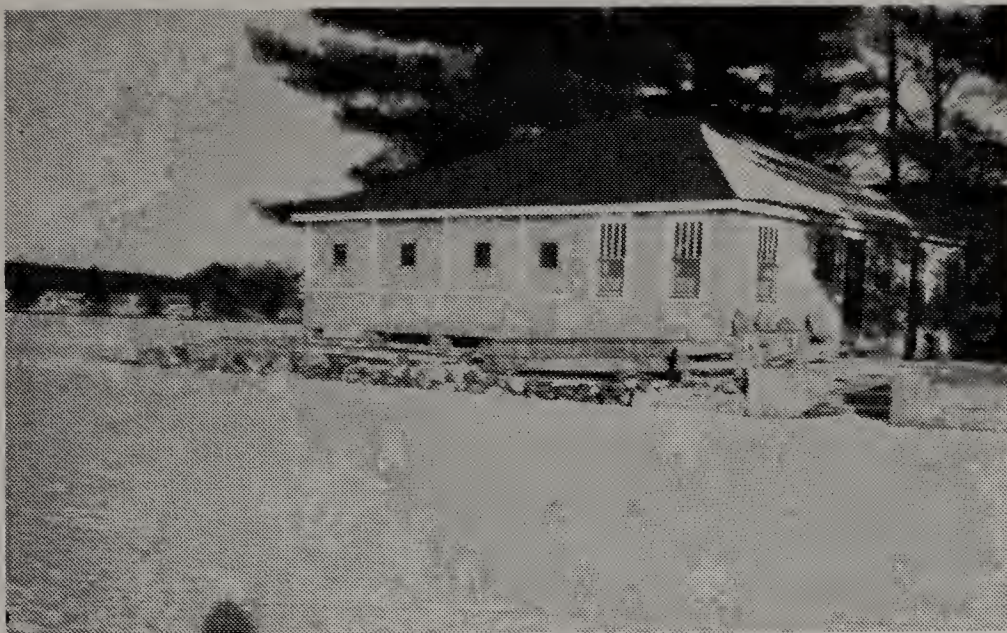
Richard A. Lane of Roslindale has owned his summer home for several years as has Mrs. Lydia A. Clark of Manchester, next beyond.



*Clark*

Here a narrow lane leads down to a point of land and close to the water is a cottage owned by Leo J. Barcomb and named "Pine View."





*Barcomb*

Point Rock, a submerged boulder, is visible from here when the pond is very low, as it was before the present dam was built, and it furnished the incentive for the following legend.

## TSIENNETO

### A Legend of Beaver Lake

BY ROBERT N. RICHARDSON

1907

“But the isle was there, and once ’twas green  
 With sylvan grandeur in the fair lake’s sheen;  
 And the whispering pine trees flourished there,  
 By the lodge of old Tsienneto.”

In the days of the first forest, when the “Little-Water-of-the-East”\* whirled and danced at the foot of grand old pines and hemlocks; before the great sagamore, Passaconaway, was born, or the federation of the Five Nations, and the wonderful tales of Glooscap, the great Indian Divinity, were told in every lodge and by every campfire of the Algonquins, came Tsienneto, a great hunter, a great traveller, a great magician, to the waters of the Beaver.

In that time at close of day the maiden-hair lifted its delicate fronds as if to receive an evening benediction from the o’ershadowing dew-kissed sylvan mantel in the “Isle of Great Enchantment” in the waters of the Beaver.\*\*

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\* Jenny Dickey Brook

\*\* Fishermen know of the sunken island



From afar came Tsienneto,  
Up the Big Stream of the Sunset.\*  
He was travel-worn and weary,  
And his birchen skiff was battered.  
And he rested in the island;  
In the Isle of Great Enchantment,  
In the waters of the Beaver,  
And a lodge he built within it.

The Pawtuckets were shortly aware of the presence of a stranger. But they dare not enter the island, for they believed it to be enchanted. An ambush was so arranged that while hunting upon the hills northeast of the lake, Tsienneto was seized and taken before a council of chiefs and great men. There he prophesied that great misfortune would come to the tribes in the region of the Beaver. "A peculiar people," he said, "with pale-hued faces, shall come from beyond the big water. They will devastate the forests and dwell unmolested in the places thus desolated. The deer shall leave the near country, the beaver cease their craft in the waters of that region, and your campfires shall be forever out. Yonder isle shall disappear, and fishes prowl where now stands my lodge. In the days of the third forest the deer shall return, but the beaver—never."

And all the great men assembled were afraid, for they had heard of the power of Tsienneto. "A sign! A sign! Prove thy power!" they cried.

On the eastern end of the island stood a great pine, large enough for what was called in later days, a King's tree.\*\* In the time of Tsienneto it was called the guardian of the Isle of Great Enchantment. Selecting a small granite boulder, Tsienneto pointed to the tall pine, saying, "With this stone shall yonder tree be blasted. The spirit within the tree shall die with it, and the island shall wither away."

Then with a mighty effort Tsienneto hurled the boulder at the tree. On it sped and the chiefs and great men marvelled that it did not fall. Straight to the mark it went, crashing into and severing the trunk of the guardian of the Isle of Great Enchantment and the boulder fell upon the opposite shore.

You call it Point Rock, but it should be named Tsienneto Boulder. And the distance it was thrown was more than a half mile!

The island lost its charm, and storms beat upon it and it disappeared.

\* Merrimack River.

\*\* Pine trees twenty-four inches and over in diameter were marked with the sign of an arrow, to be preserved for masts on the ships of the English Navy.





*Knight*

East of the Barcomb cottage is one belonging to Gordan W. Knight of Marblehead. Following along the shore these cottages are found:



*Johnson*

“Sharon Ann” owned by Mrs. Lyle L. Johnson of Derry.





*Edward DeFreitas—Norman W. Fitts—Miss L. E. Holt*



*Dolan*

An adjacent one is owned by Edward F. Dolan of Charlestown.





*Pfeiffer*

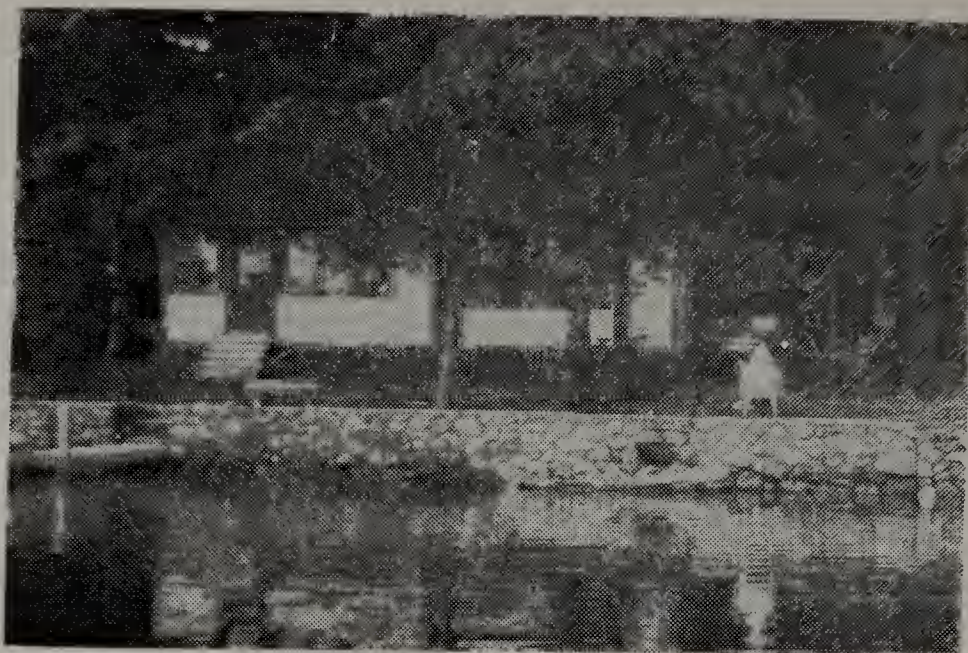
Nearby is one of the first cottages built in the area, once owned by Mrs. Howard G. Moody and now by Francis J. Pfeiffer of East Holliston.



*Hebert*

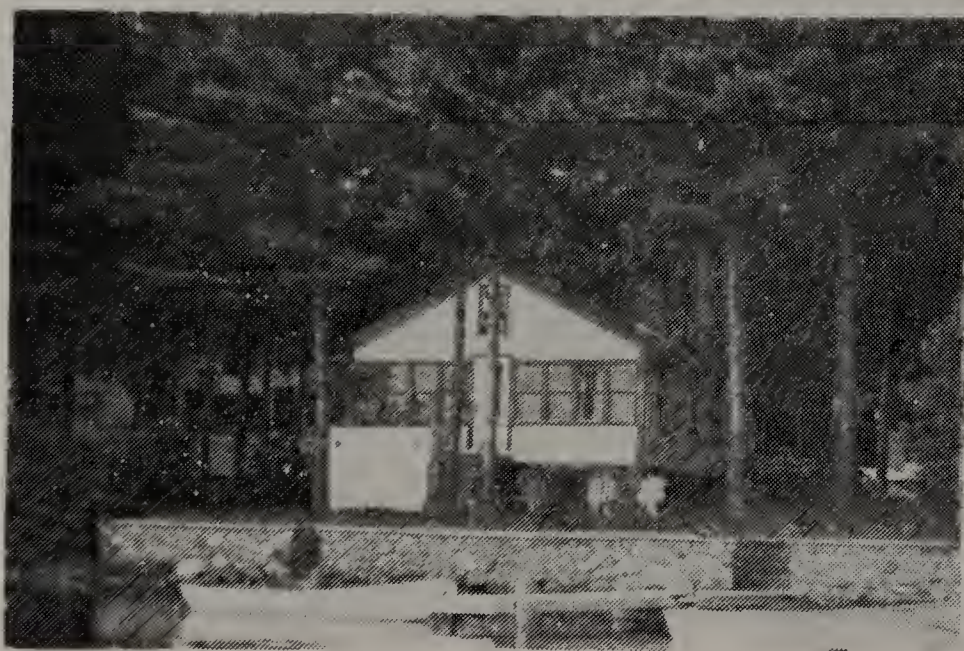
A dark brown house with yellow trim belongs to Arthur R. Hebert of Manchester.





*Russo & Miele*

Next is one owned by Emanuel Russo and Peter Miele of Everett, once the property of Grant G. Benson.



*Belanger*

Adjacent is the summer cottage of Roland Belanger.





*Berube*

The last one in the grove is that of Hypolite Berube of Nashua, once owned by Sidney Gross.



*Houle—Buckley*

Turning around, the first house on the left belonged to Mrs. Edith C. Buckley until purchased by Russell R. Houle of Nashua in 1959.





*Brodeur*

Next is a log finish cottage owned by J. C. Henry Brodeur of Nashua.



*DiMuzio*

This cottage was built by Carl Hall, sold to Dr. William J. Wilson and is at present owned by Emily DiMuzio of East Boston.





*Boyce*

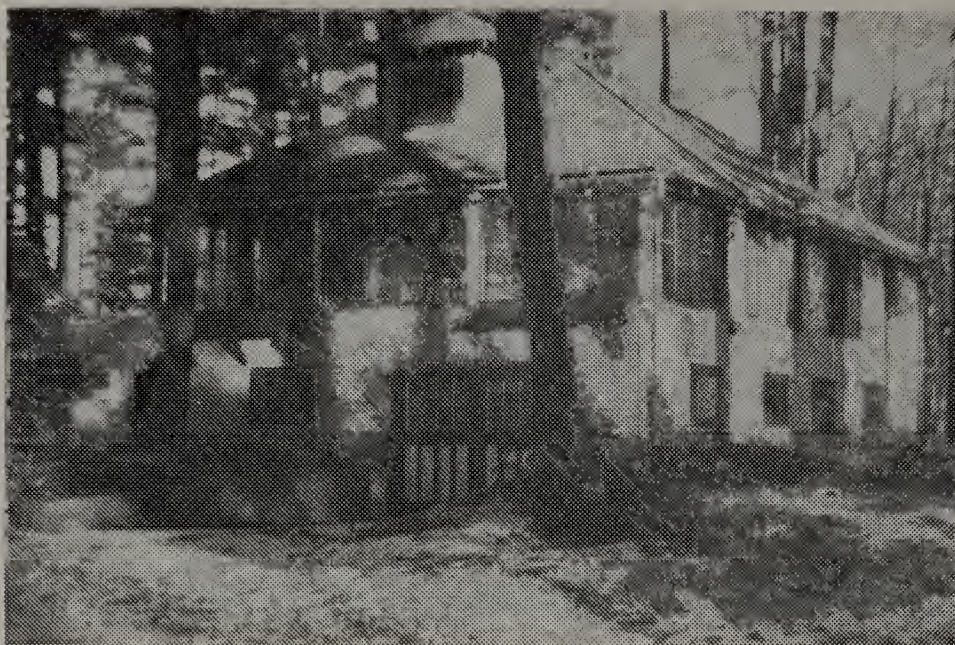
On a bend in the road is a house owned by Charles H. Boyce of Winthrop. This was built by Mr. Cole soon after the grove was first developed.



*John Music Gray*

Ralph Gray of Everett has bought the house recently owned by John Avallone.





*Gorham*

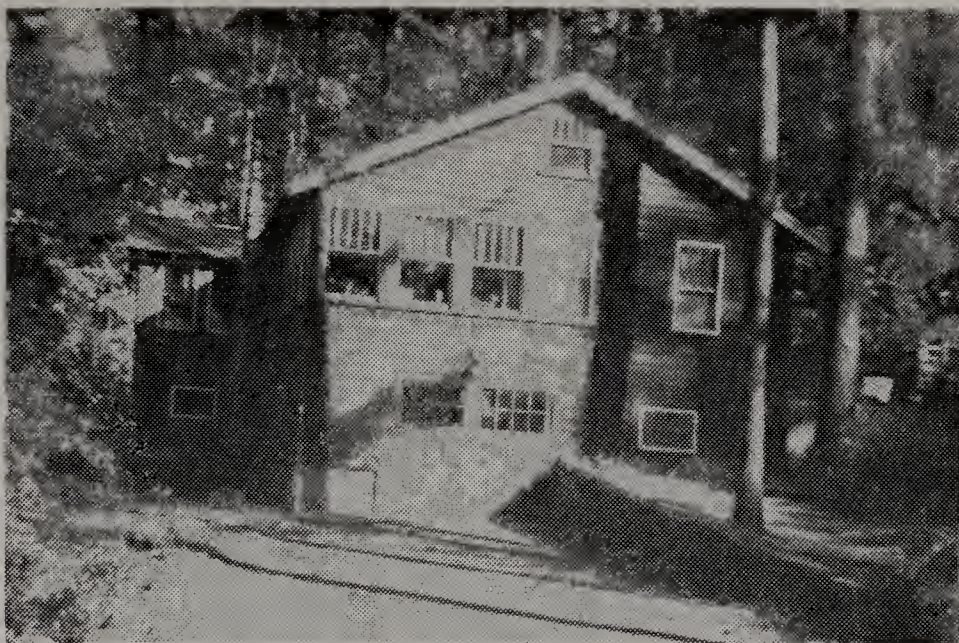
Next is the large house belonging to A. C. Gorham. The last two mentioned also were built by Mr. Cole.



*Zames*

Between the Ranahan and Gorham homes is a lane leading back to one owned by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Zames and occupied by them during the summer.





*Ranahan*

Clarence Cole built the next two houses, one belonging to Sgt. James J. Ranahan and the other to Amedee Cote, the latter having been owned at one time by Wiswell Readmon.



*Cote*



## CHAPTER IX

### BEAVER LAKE AVENUE

Soon after entering Cole's Grove from Pond Road the street divides and one branch goes up the hill towards Comeau's Beach. This is known as Beaver Lake Avenue. At the top of a sharp rise there are three houses on the left. The first belongs to Thomas Burrows of Peabody, the other two are, respectively, those of Charles K. Pillsbury of Amesbury and Joseph G. Benuses of Dedham.



*Burrows*





*Pillsbury*

*Benuses*

Beyond, almost out of sight, is the home of Felix J. Zames, the picture being shown in the Cole's Grove chapter.

Just beyond this trio of homes is a cluster of cabins owned by Mr. and Mrs. Zames and known as Z-Knoll. These are in Cole's Grove but well along towards the boundary.



*Zames*





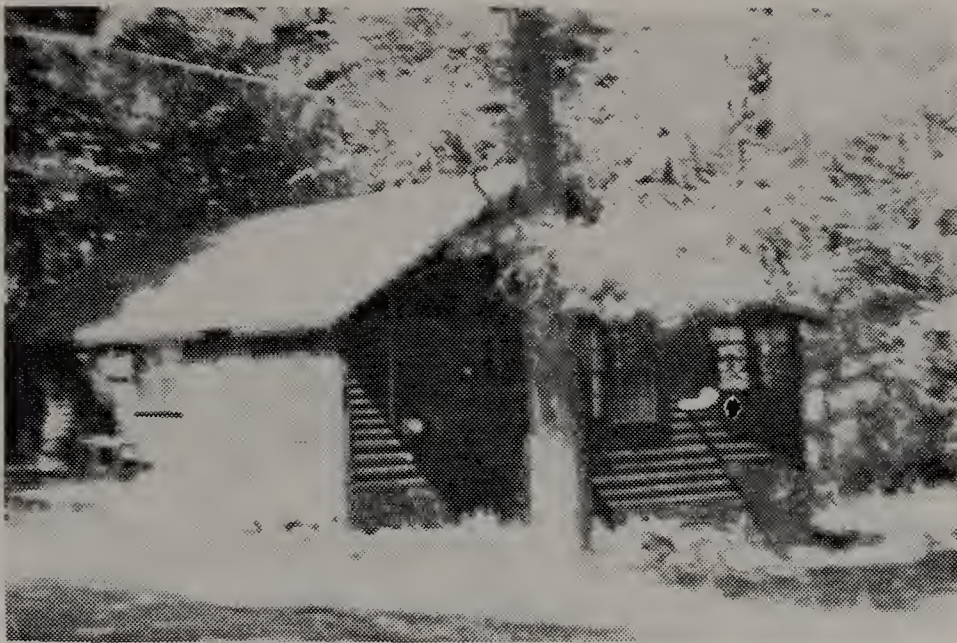
*Zames*



*Deveau*

Beyond the Z-Knoll group is a small cottage owned by Ernest J. Deveau of Saugus. This is the last house in the Cole's Grove land and for many years the road went no farther. Finally the barrier was taken down, as cottages were built on the Reynolds land and owners wished free access from either end.





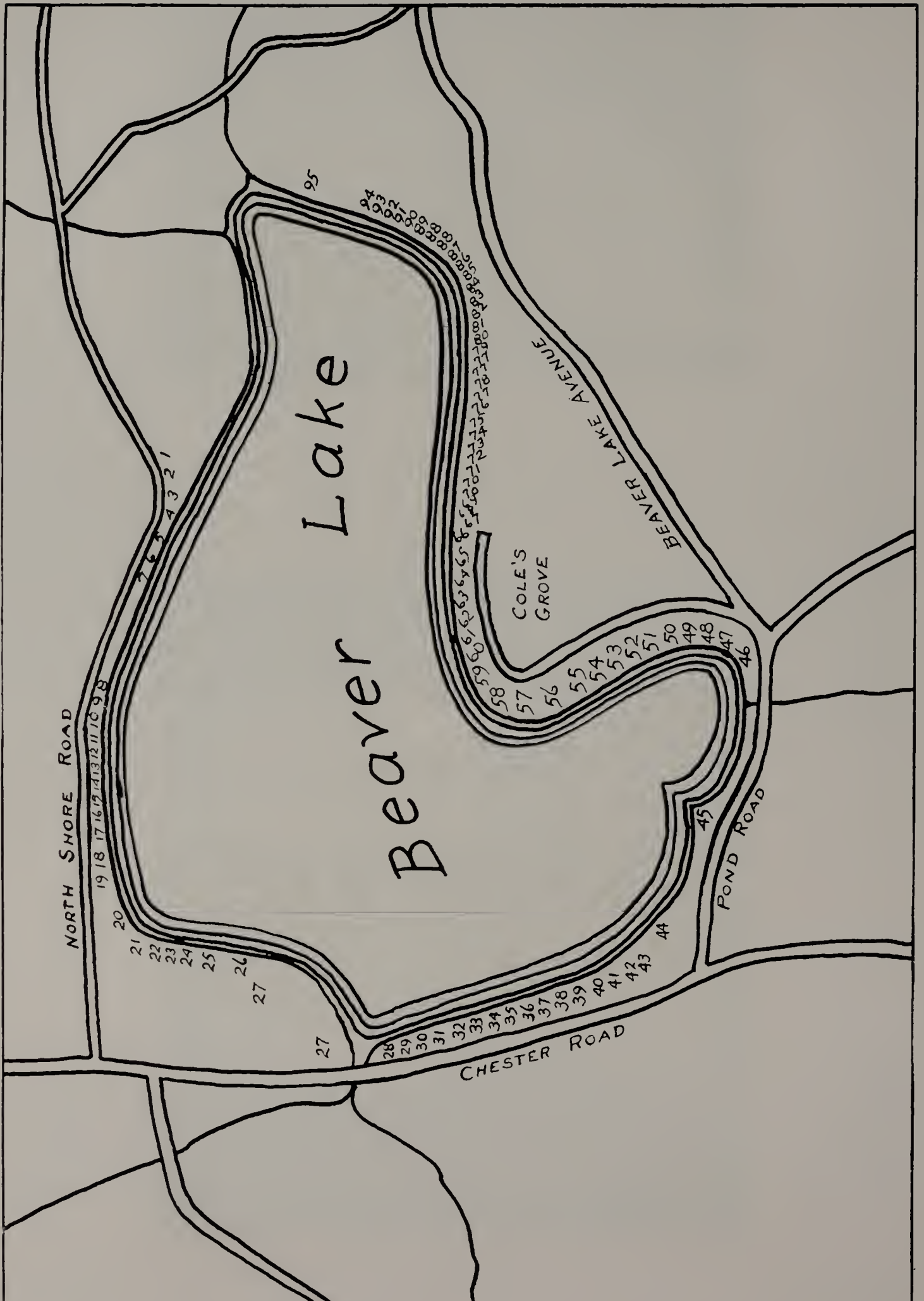
*Lewis*

The next house is owned by Mrs. Leonard F. Lewis of Danvers. Between these two cottages there is a road down to the shore, which at this point is some distance away, for use of the occupants of the camps located there. They are, starting at the Cole's Grove line, owned by Theodore McCarty of Princeton, N. J. (recently owned by Norman Ricker of Woburn), Mary D. Covello of Lexington, Nicholas D'Orlando of Revere (once owned by Frank Muzzey), two owned by Ernest Dewsnap of Revere, and one by Leonard Sweeney of Nashua.



*McCarty*







KEY TO MAP OF SHORELINE COTTAGES

1	Breezy Point	24	Scribner	48	D'Amore	72	Cashman
2	Holstrom	25	Richardson	49	DiMarzio	73	Haskell
3	O'Brien	26	Picard	50	M. Avallone	74	Deans
4	Fortier	27	Levesque	51	Sevigny	75	Hamblett
5	Williams	28	Cat o' Nine Tails	52	A. Avallone	76	Regan
6	Harrington	29	Lewis	53	Link	77	Pillsbury
7	Boucher	30	Fuller	54	Lane	78	Grimes
8	Traill	31	Bouchard	55	Clark	79	Mundy
9	B. Adams	32	Lane	56	Barcomb	80	Hepworth
10	Bragdon	33	Bienvenue	57	Knight	81	Murray
11	H. Kimball	34	Fiorentino	58	Johnson	82	Lupein
12	Collins	35	Carroll	59	Holt	83	Tris
13	Regan	36	DeStefano	60	Fitts	84	Colby
14	W. Kimball	37	Dilworth	61	DeFreitas	85	Elliot
15	Henderson	38	Bennett	62	Dolan	86	Mafera
16	Hill	39	McGauley	63	Pfeiffer	87	Tewksbury
17	Curley	40	Burns	64	Hebert	88	Marino
18	Moore	41	Barry	65	Russo	89	Montalbano
19	Anderson	42	Gagan	66	Berube	90	Griffin
20	Dollinger	43	O'Donnell	67	McCarty	91	Levine
21	Norris	44	Gallien's Beach	68	Covello	92	Huddell
22	MacLeod	45	Costa	69	D'Orlando	93	Mafera
23	Patterson	46	Blasi	70	Dewsnap	94	Comeau's Beach
		47	Rose	71	Sweeney	95	Pavilion





*Covello*



*D'Orlando*





*Dewsnap*



*Dewsnap*





*Sweeney*

Back to the road again; there are two houses on the right side, owned by Ellis Jones of Kissimmee, Florida, and Maurice J. Cronin. The latter one was built by Hans Pomp.



*Jones*





*Cronin*

The shore cottages opposite are those of William Cashman of Winthrop, Leo L. Haskell of Winthrop, Joseph A. Deans of Saugus, Mrs. S. B. Hamblett of Derry (it having been built by her father, Arthur M. Emery) and John B. Regan of Atkinson.



*Haskell*

*Cashman*





*Deans*



*Hamblett*





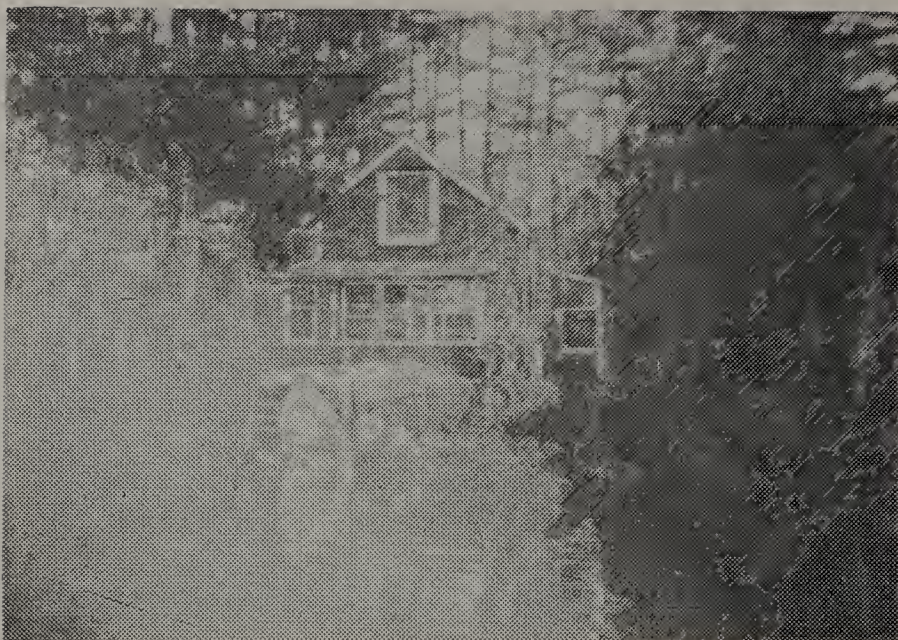
*Regan*

Next on the shore the property owners are Everett E. Pillsbury of Derry, Thomas Grimes of Revere, two camps also owned by Mr. Pillsbury and a house belonging to Miss Anna M. Mundy.



*Pillsbury*





*Grimes*



*Mundy*

*Pillsbury*



Opposite these, on the road, are camps owned by Mrs. Josephine D'Amore of Boston, Adolph Vainauskas of Nashua, E. H. Wentworth of Stoneham and William H. Canning of Malden.



*D'Amore*



*Vainauskas*





*Wentworth*



*Canning*



Between the last two mentioned camps a narrow lane known as Tobacco Road leads up grade to the south.

The first four camps are on the right and belong, in order, to Mrs. D. F. Fullerton of Boston, Walter J. Radochia of Somerville, James E. Leonard of Medford, and Lois E. Killam and Florence Doone of Malden.

Tobacco Road soon becomes almost impassable but there are other occupied lots farther up the hill.



*Fullerton*



*Radochia*





*Leonard*



*Killam & Doone*



Three small cottages on the left side of Beaver Lake Avenue belong to George B. Hussey and Miss Olive Faulkner, both of Everett. On the shore are the homes of Alfred T. Hepworth of Derry, Arthur Gorman of North Easton (built many years ago by Ernest L. Davis), the Legendre family of Derry (which house is owned by John Murray), Edward L. Lupein of Derry, Alfred Tris of Dorchester, and Prudence K. Colby of Reading, all easily reached by private rights-of-way.



*Hussey*



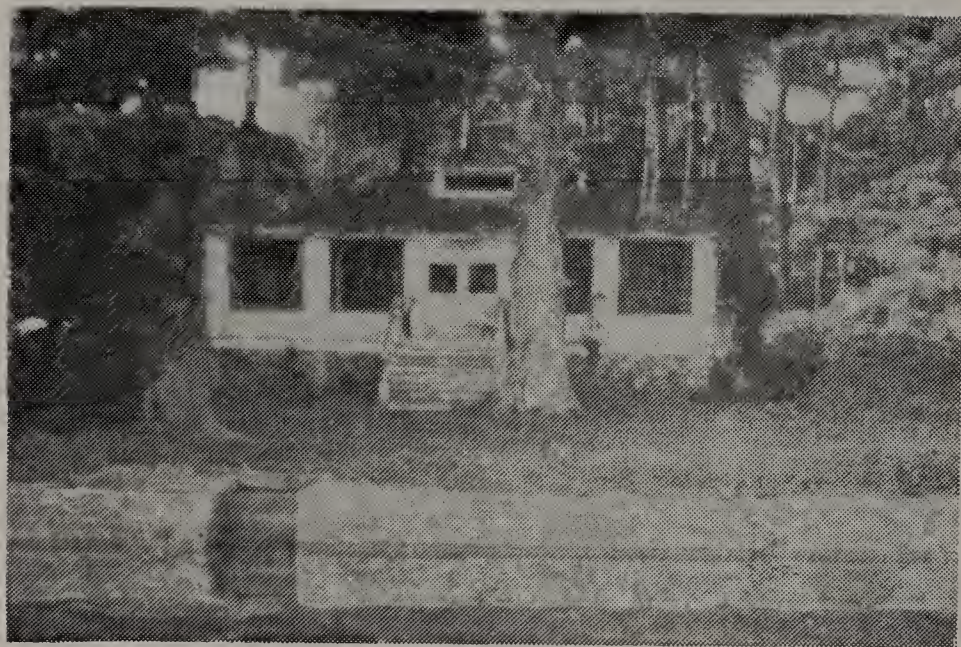
*Hussey*

*Faulkner*





*Hepworth*



*Gorman*





*Murray*  
(*Legendre*)



*Lupein*





*Tris*



*Colby*



On the left side of Beaver Lake Road is the house owned by John Murray and cottages on the right belong to Mrs. Herbert A. LeVine of Everett, Joseph Marchese, also of Everett, two are owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lichtenstein as well as one up on the hill for their own use, and Anthony Andrea of Charlestown has the final one in this group.

The Lichtensteins bought several parcels of land in 1924 from Fred W. Reynolds and built many of the cottages in this vicinity.



*Murray*



*LeVine*





*Marchese*



*Lichtenstein*





*Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lichtenstein*



*Lichtenstein*





*Andrea*

On the shore at the left are cottages belonging to Edward J. Elliot of Medford, Americo Mafera, also of Medford, two belonging to Mrs. Herbert Tewksbury of Derry, the cottages of Charles Marino of Roslindale, Paul Montalbano of Everett and Stanley Griffin of Lynn. These are all close to the road as well as to the shore.



*Halcyon  
Mafera*

*Elliot*





*Tewksbury*



*Marino*





*Montalbano*



*Griffin*



Beyond, near the Comeau Beach parking area, are three more cottages belonging to Henry Levine and Alfred Rosetti of Winthrop, the Huddell family of Chelsea and Eugene H. Mafera of Stoneham. Across Beaver Lake Avenue is a cement block house belonging to Philip F. Thompson of Brockton.



*Levine & Rosetti*



*Mafera*

*Huddell*





*Thompson*

After James Comeau closed his connection with the Beaver Lake Pavilion he opened a recreation area farther south on the shore of the lake on land purchased from Fred W. Reynolds and called it Comeau's Beach. This was bought by Katherine A. Burke in 1920 and sold in 1945 to George E. Simard who still keeps the well-known name, Comeau's Beach.



*Comeau's Parking Area*

The picture of the parking area shows a play yard and in the distance the large house built by Mr. Comeau and now owned by Mr. Simard.





*Comeau's Beach*

Up a steep grade, still on Beaver Lake Avenue, is a sloping plateau with the home of Mr. Simard and two cottages owned by him.



*Simard*



*Hill Top*





*Pine Crest*

The last three houses are owned by George Simard.



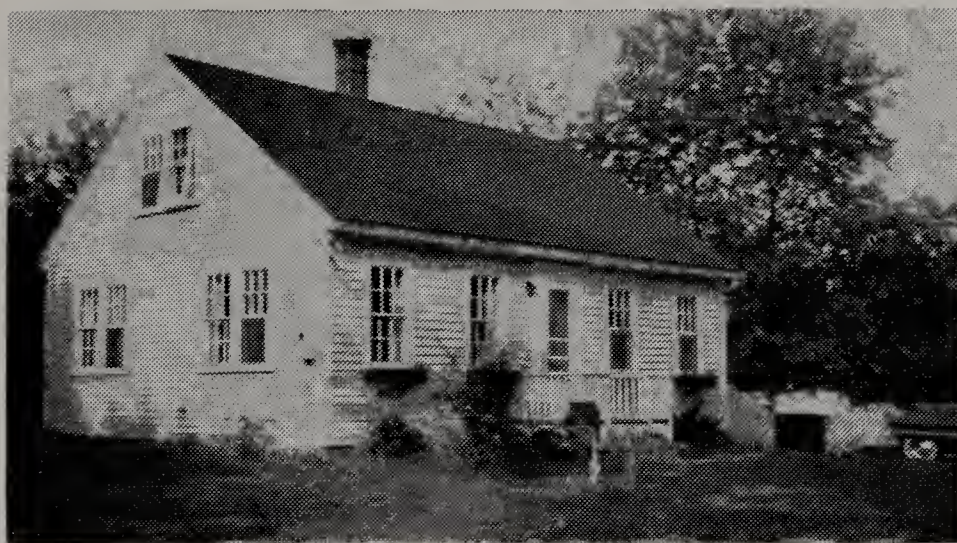
*Bousquet—N. Reynolds*

At the left, almost hidden by trees, is a cottage built by Ernest L. Reynolds in 1913, sold in 1923 to his son Ned, and now, after several sales, belonging to Raymond J. Bousquet of Derry.



## CHAPTER X

### NORTH SHORE ROAD (East)



*Dorsch—Howe*

Beaver Lake Avenue ends near the Simard home as it joins the eastern end of North Shore Road and faces the home of Frederick Dorsch. This was built about 1938 by Walter H. Howe and was more recently owned by Thomas B. Bartlett.



*Gaines*



Turning left, an old-fashioned house stands at the top of Jenny Dickey Hill. It has been the home of John A. Gaines since 1944 when it was bought from the Reynolds heirs. Tradition in that family says that the house was built by Daniel Reynolds who came to Derry from Boxford, Mass., about 1765 at the age of twenty-three. Daniel Reynolds and Joseph Morrison were the two joiners (carpenters) who built the East Derry church in 1769.



Two views of the lake are shown, taken from the Reynolds field across the road many years ago. In one, the top of the Pavilion may be discerned, the other shows three cottages once owned by Benjamin Low, Ernest Chamberlen and Cannoll Haynes. The houses are still standing, completely hidden by trees.







*Gross—R. Reynolds*

Beyond the Gaines house is one built by Ralph Reynolds on family-owned land. Later owned by Catherine Fortier, and Raymond Huntley, it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gross in 1957.



*Pine Haven  
Ahearn*

Farther along down the hill is the summer home of the Paul J. Ahearn family. It may be reached by a foot bridge across the Jenny Dickey Brook as well as by automobile from Old Chester Road.



Near it is a cottage built by Edward Berthiaume and recently owned by Leonard Cassidy. This too can be reached by a little bridge or by way of Lake Avenue.



*Cassidy—Berthiaume*



*I. Reynolds*

Across the street and close to the entrance to the Pavilion is a cottage built by Ira Reynolds soon after the electric railroad was opened. This is now part of the holdings of the owners of the Pavilion.





*Beaver Lake Pavilion*

O. R. Cummings of Manchester, in his story of the Chester and Derry Railroad which was opened in 1896, says that the company built the Pavilion the next year at a cost of \$3,000.00 It was 40 feet by 60 feet in size with a dance hall in the upper part, level with the car track, bowling alleys next below and bath houses underneath near the level of the pond shore.

This building was burned in 1915 and was at once rebuilt. James P. Comeau was the lessee for a number of years.

The Beaver Lake Pavilion Corporation (George, Theo and Joseph Prezio) at the present time owns the building and several nearby cottages. Robert Mafera is president and Americo Mafera vice-president of the corporation.

The mention of the Pavilion will bring nostalgic memories to old-timers who remember the dances, bowling and bathing of former years.

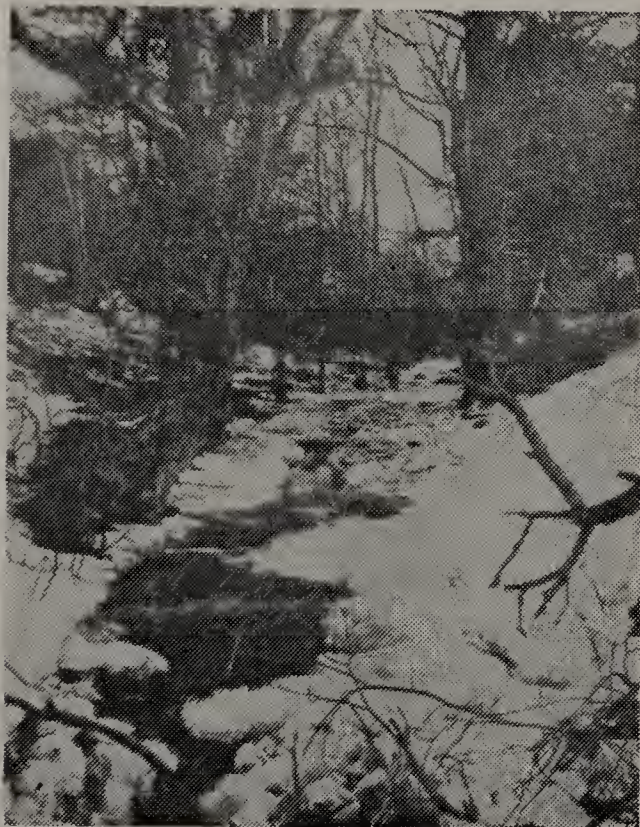
Younger readers will be amused by the picture of local bathing beauties of sixty years ago.







*Jenny Dickey Brook in Summer*



*Jenny Dickey Brook in Winter*



## *JENNY DICKY BROOK*

This little babbling brook flows down what seems to be a rough flight of stone steps, beside the hill of the same name near the entrance to the Pavilion. One of the tributaries of Beaver Lake, this small stream drains the large territory on Hampstead Road once known as the Prentice meadow.

Research gives no clue as to who Jenny Dickey was, but she once owned an acre of land nearby, and inquiries brought forth one explanation: that a woman of that name was thrown from her horse as she rode down the hill, death resulting. The accident was caused by a rolling stone and was possibly a reason that led Dr. Sylvanus Brown to leave money to Derry for picking small stones out of the roads of the town.

Take the story or leave it, it is an irrefutable fact that the little brook has always been one of the most charming in this vicinity.

The other picture of the same spot was taken when the brook was bordered by banks of ice and snow.

## *LAKE AVENUE*

Opposite the entrance to the Pavilion parking space there is a group of houses on a hill, most of them out of sight from the road. This area is called Lake Avenue.

The cottages in this section are all on the two and a half acre piece sold in 1919 to Desire Bellavance and Harold E. Chapman by the heirs of Stephen Reynolds, it having been the Reynolds pasture.



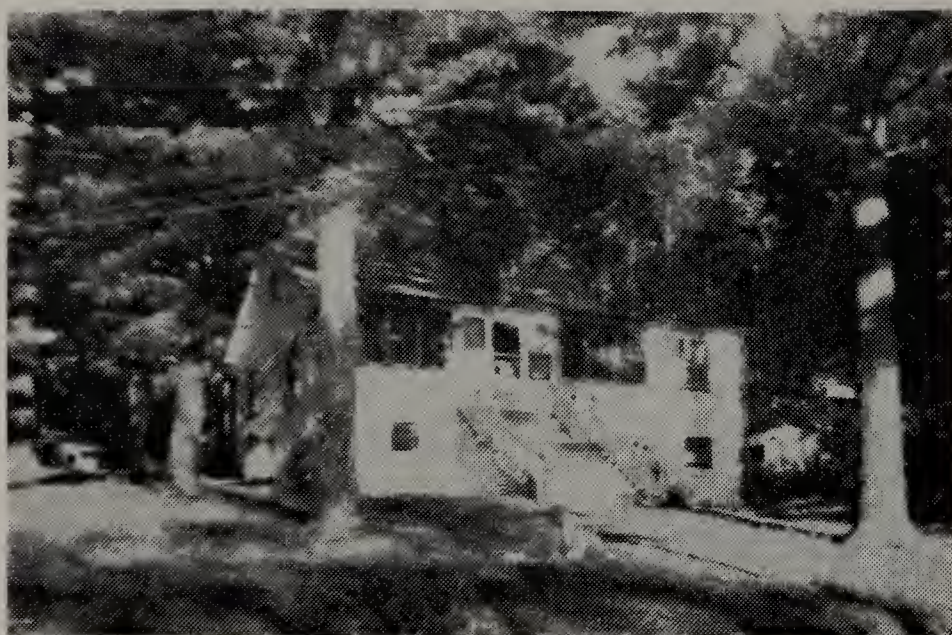
*Pine Top Lodge*



This building on the left at the entrance to Lake Avenue was built by Mr. Bellavance for an amusement and eating place. It was burned in 1915 and was rebuilt in its present form by Joseph Conley as a residence. It has been owned by Alfred Ciccotti of Malden since 1946.



*Pine Top  
Ciccotti*



*Heather on the Hill  
Garrigan*

This cottage on the opposite side of Lake Avenue was built by Mr. Bellavance before he built "Pine Top Lodge" and it was sold after his death to Dennis J. Noonan and later to Peter R. Garrigan, the present occupant.





*Johnson*

*Kennedy*

The cottage next above "Pine Top" is that of Erland Johnson. A small adjacent camp is owned by Arthur J. Kennedy of Derry. This was once known as the Clover Leaf Club.



*Beacon Hill*

*Starrett*

Lake Avenue becomes a one-way street from this point and on an uphill curve is a small cottage owned by Mrs. Florence Starrett.





*Goode*

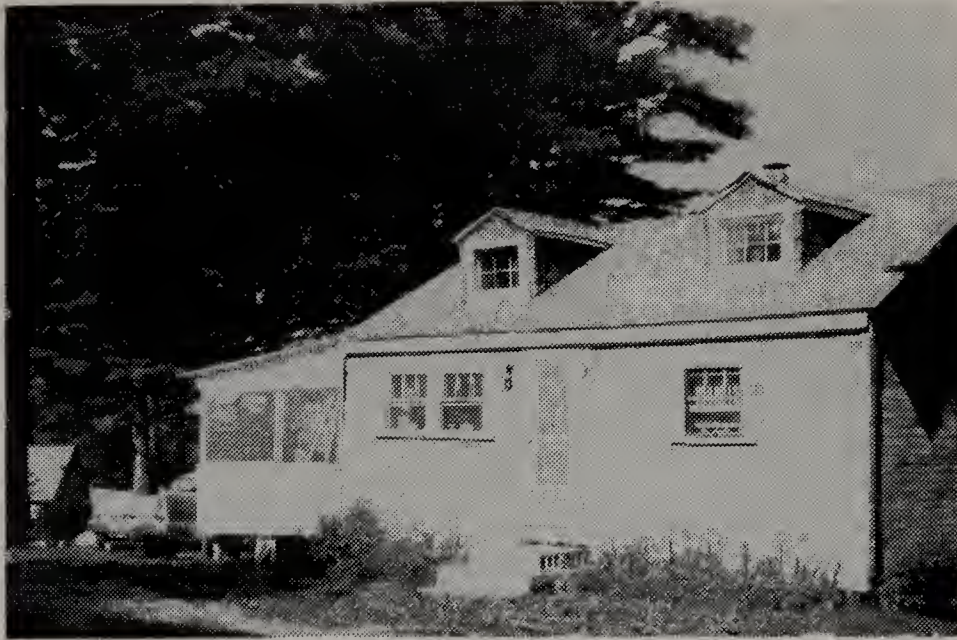
On the next curve a very small camp, recently owned by Vernon C. Ellsworth and formerly by William J. Bergeron, has recently been purchased by William Goode who is enlarging and improving it.



*Boudreau*

A large building with garages and apartments over them is owned by Robert A. Boudreau who makes his year-round home here.





*McInnis*

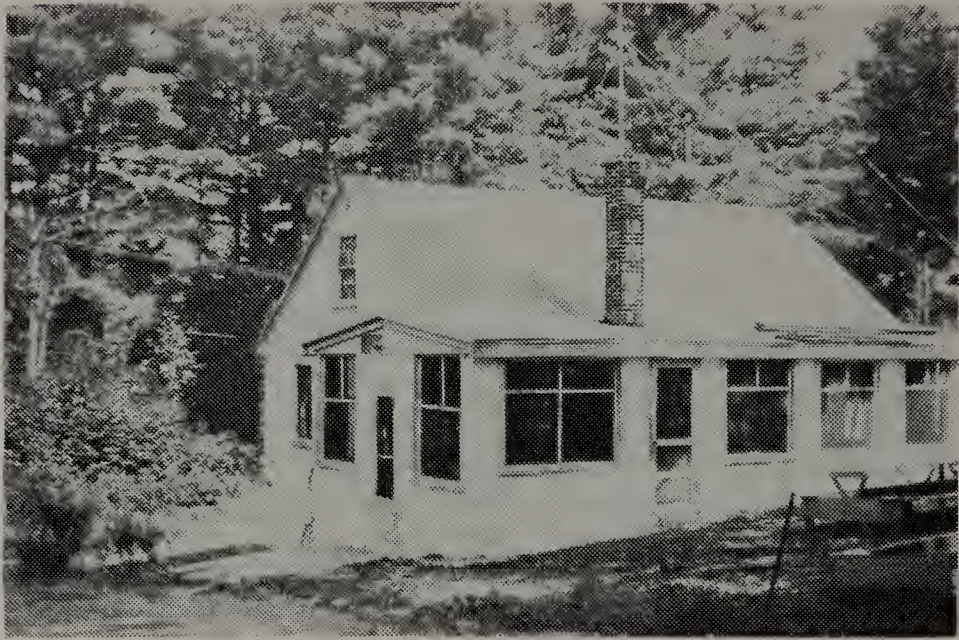
Nearly opposite is the summer cottage of Herman A. McInnis of East Boston.



*Morrione*

On the way down the hill is a small house made by Mr. Bellavance from another building. This is owned by Peter Morrione of Everett.





*Pellegrino*

Abutting the Morrione land is that of Joseph Pellegrino of Saugus who has a cement block house standing at the corner where the one-way traffic rejoins the main part of Lake Avenue. This land and that of Mr. McInnis was formerly owned by William Irons.



*Heaven on a Hill*  
*Gantt*

After leaving Lake Avenue the house of Mrs. Amy Gantt of Everett stands high on a hill at the right, almost hidden by the woods around it. Mrs. Gantt has been coming here for years, having bought the house in 1941 from Rev. John W. Mahoney.





*Deragon—L. Parker—Harding*

On the left is a very old house, the home of Mrs. Aren Deragon and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cunningham, which was owned by members of the McMurphy family for many years. From Robert it went to his son Hugh and from Hugh to Samuel Marshall. Soon it was bought by Elizabeth McNeil, widow, and after thirty-six years another widow bought it, Jane Smyth.

After a few years there were several long time owners, John F. Hall for twenty years, Dr. Horace Harding for another twenty, Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Parker for almost thirty, and in 1945 Mrs. Helena B. Deragon became the owner.

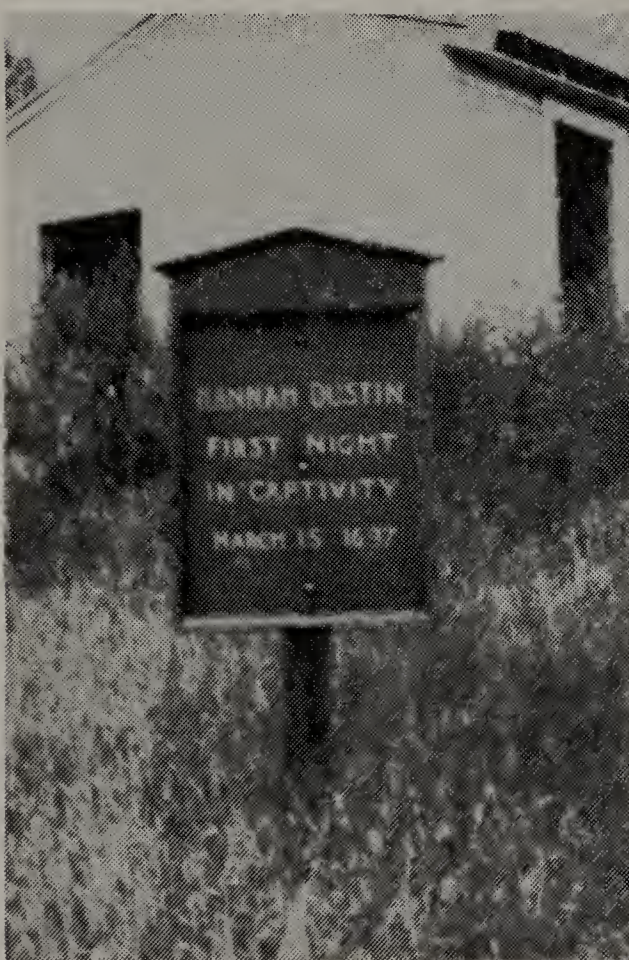
Near the road there was at one time a cairn marking the place near which the first sermon in Nutfield was preached, April 13, 1719.

It was under a large oak tree that the service took place and when the tree fell a hundred and twenty-five years later it was replaced by an apple tree as a reminder. When that, too, succumbed to the ravages of time this cairn was placed nearby. It was removed by an owner who, so it is said, did not want the accompanying publicity, but it was marked at the time of the two-hundredth celebration of the settlement of Nutfield by a temporary wooden marker.





*Cairn—First Sermon*



*Hannah Dustin*

In the rear of the house, near Beaver Brook and the pond, there was also at one time a marker designating the place where Hannah Dustin and her Indian captors are supposed to have camped overnight on their way from Haverhill, Mass. to Penacook, N. H. where she made her escape by scalping her sleeping enemies.



## SLAVERY IN LONDONDERRY

Slavery was not unknown in Londonderry before the Revolution. According to the census of 1773 there were twelve males and thirteen female slaves in the town, and they seem to have been regarded as chattels, not as human beings, although they were humanely treated.

The East parish minister, Rev. William Davidson, owned two—a mother and daughter, Poll and Moll.

Alexander McNeil, a well to do citizen, made his will in 1750, giving his wife the colored girl Dina to help raise the younger children. If Dina herself should have a child, his wife could claim it at the age of two years as her own property.

Robert Boyes was another prominent man who owned slaves. In his will he specified that his wife should have a certain slave, or money enough to buy a replacement if the slave died in the meantime.

While neither of these men lived in the area covered by this story, their land was adjacent to it.

Soon after the Revolution, slavery ceased in most of the northern states and there is no record of slaves being owned in Londonderry after 1800.



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